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## SARS Case Update

The total number of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) cases in Beijing had reached 774 by 8:00 pm Wednesday, with 2,422 confirmed cases nationwide, the Ministry of Health announced Thursday.

Of the total SARS patients in the Chinese capital, 64 have recovered and been discharged from hospital and 39 have died, the information office of the ministry said.

In the 24 hours ending 8:00 pm Wednesday, Beijing reported 89 new SARS cases and four deaths.

The information office also said eight cases have been removed from the total count after proving not to be SARS. (Xinhua)

## SARS Tests Government Credibility

By Xiao Rong

Never has the Chinese central government displayed stronger resolution and transparency in the fight against Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) as it did last Sunday.

The official figure for confirmed SARS cases in Beijing rocketed from 37 to 339 at a press conference held by the State Council Press Office.

But even more dramatic than the sudden increase in SARS cases, was an open criticism of the negligence in the disease control and prevention work led by the Ministry of Health and Beijing municipal government.

Health minister Zhang Wenkang and Beijing mayor Meng Xuenong, both of whom were seen to have played down the seriousness of SARS, were removed from their Communist Party posts Sunday.

Speaking at the press conference, Gao Qiang, executive vice minister of the Ministry of Health, stated, "We will further strengthen the reporting system for epidemics and demand all medical institutions to verify SARS-related numbers accurately and in a timely manner."

Following the release of the latest SARS statistics, the World Health Organization (WHO) told Xinhua news agency on Sunday that they were happy to see the Chinese government had made great progress in reporting to the public the epidemic situation.

The progress is tangible as a series of actions taken by the central and municipal government over this past week, aiming to establish an effective network of disease prevention and control.

The Beijing anti-SARS coalition working team was set up, consisting of a leadership network, information network, epidemiology tracing team, medical team and logistics team.

On the national level, the Legal Office of the State Council and the Ministry of Health are drafting "the statute to handle public health emergencies," with the aim of strengthening the legal procedure of the government's reporting and handling of public health emergencies.

"SARS prevention work in the past three days has demonstrated the ability of the central government to undertake responsibilities by dismissing officials guilty of negligence," comments Wang Yukai, professor at the National School of Administration.

While welcoming the improvement of government management in the battle against SARS, Wang points out three major drawbacks in the government's handling of the case.

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## Optimism is Also Infectious

### Editor's note:

Following is an email from a university lecturer to his students published in Tuesday's *China Youth Daily*. *Beijing Today* tried to contact 'Teacher W' for an interview, but he declined to reveal his identity or comment further.

We publish the email, with Teacher W's permission, as a glimpse of one Beijinger's close encounter with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, an illness that in one way or another, has affected the lives of all who live in this city.

Edited by Xiao Rong

I hesitated for a long time before I finally decided to write this email to all of you, my colleagues and students.

We were all somewhat alarmed when the first SARS case was reported in our university. But you can imagine how I felt when I first learnt that it was my neighbor.

Though we are not in the same unit and there has been no connections between us, I still felt uncomfortably close to these strangers. Everything around me seems so terrible, I have even been afraid of stepping into my own home.

But where can I go? We could only sterilize our home again and again, praying for the safety of the whole family.

What has been more alarming is that, when I opened my window for fresh air at night, I found my neighbor's light was still on! I didn't know whether to close my window or leave it open. I even distrusted the air!

We spent that whole night in helpless panic and even thought of leaving altogether. But where is a safe place in such a time?

My whole family decided to isolate ourselves and avoid going out,

if possible. Wearing a mask is a must when we had to go out, for the sake of both ourselves and others. The next two days seemed to be the longest, especially for my lovely child, who doesn't quite understand the danger of SARS.

It was during these two days my whole family began to show symptoms of a cold, with headaches, cough and runny nose. We thus began to suspect ourselves and repeatedly took each other's temperatures. Fortunately none of us developed a fever.

We just hoped time could fly fast, because we knew if we were OK in one week's time, then we would be in the clear.

During this period, we watched the light in our neighbor's home. It was always on. We learnt that inside lives a little girl whose grandmother died while her mother contracted SARS and her father was looking after the wife in the hospital.

We knew that the girl had nowhere to go, except her home, which is the safest place now. She might know that everyone outside was avoiding contact with her. She could only shut herself indoors all day long without opening the door and windows. Poor child! She is still in

primary school. I felt sad for her and also ashamed of my cowardice.

Several days later I felt less scared and I tried to call her, but nobody answered the phone. I then learnt from the neighborhood committee that her house has been sterilized several times. The university has been preparing three meals a day for her, leaving them in front of her door.

I could offer no real help. I was still watching the light, but without fear any more. I hope the light can be always on, meaning the little girl is still safe. The light is a light for life. When I found that it was still on last night, I even became excited, as this was the fifth day.

When I got up this morning, I felt so sunny, just like the weather. SARS is formidable, for sure, but I would still feel encouraged at the thought of the girl, and the doctors and nurses who face those dangers.

I decided to resume work today, but I will keep away from all of you and I hope you will also avoid close contact with me.

After finishing this letter, I suddenly found my symptoms of headache, cough and a runny nose have gone.

It's really a lovely day outside!

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## Foreign Business Supports SARS Efforts

By Zhao Hongyi

As SARS hits Beijing, foreign business people have stood up in support of the city and the struggle against the virus, saying its dynamism and evolution into an international metropolis should not and cannot be undermined by the crisis.

"We, also the citizens of Beijing, demonstrate our strong support and understanding to the government agencies and medical professionals for their hard work combating SARS at this critical time," Roger Heng, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, Beijing Branch, made the statement at a press conference yesterday.

Led by the Bank of Montreal, over twenty multinational corporations, whose senior executives are also members of the mayor's advisory group, presented a joint public letter to acting mayor Wang Qishan, expressing support for the government and saluting the medical profession's tackling of the SARS virus.

Heng's staff obtained reports on SARS several months ago, when it first appeared in Guangdong and Hong Kong. "This is of great importance to explain why we still have such stability in our offices," he said. The bank has divided its staff into two groups, with some working in the office and others at home, to minimize the impact of any possible infection.

Heng maintained that the crisis can be turned into a good opportunity, "because the epidemic shows us how important it is to join hands when we are faced by threats, how necessary it is to learn and maintain a safe and healthy style of living, how valuable it is to care for and support each other both in work and daily life, and how urgent to regenerate and maintain a friendly environment."

Sooner or later, the epidemic will be over, therefore, we should continue our hard work and efforts to build the city into a world-class center. "No one can stop us from doing that, except ourselves," Heng told the media.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

In this critical moment, we would like to express our full support for your determination in arresting SARS and the collective effort in putting the speedy measures together.

Beijing is a great city with an admirable history. We have been working closely with your government, your city and your people for many years and we trust your people under your leadership will overcome the battle no matter how difficult it is.

We would like to express our support and sincere appreciation to the medical professionals who are working day and night serving the victims of SARS. They deserve every concern and support from us and the people in Beijing.

Warmest regards ...



Roger Heng, general manager of Bank of Montreal, Beijing Branch Photo by Qu Liyan





Liu Qi (second from right) and Wang Qishan (left) visited Beijing Disease Prevention and Control Tuesday.

## Wang Qishan Named Acting Beijing Mayor

By Shan Jinliang

The Standing Committee of the Beijing Municipal People's Congress accepted the resignation of Beijing Mayor Meng Xuenong on Tuesday and named Wang Qishan acting mayor.

Wang, 54, former secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Hainan Provincial Committee, was appointed deputy secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee and member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee on Sunday.

The 53-year-old Meng, elected mayor of Beijing in January 2003, was removed from his post as a member of the standing committee and deputy secretary of the CPC Beijing Municipal Committee by the CPC Central Committee on Sunday.

Wang, born in Qingdao, Shandong Province in 1948, is a native of Tianzhen, Shanxi Province. He graduated from Northwest-ern University in 1979 with a degree in history, after which he worked at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and then the Agricultural Development and Research Center of the State Council until 1988. He became a Communist Party member in 1983.

In 1988 he established China Rural Trust and Investment Corp., a vehicle for raising funds from abroad for investment inside China. One year later, he became vice president of the China People's Construction Bank (renamed the China Construction Bank in 1996) and then was named president and chairman of the board of the China International Financial Group in 1994.

In December 1997, he took a post as a member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, and became its vice governor one month later.

In 1998, he oversaw the clean up after the collapse of Guangdong International Trust and Investment Corp., returning to Beijing in 2000 as head of the ministerial-level State Council Office for Economic Restructuring.

On November 22, 2002, Wang was named secretary of the CPC Hainan Provincial Committee.

## Cabinet Dispatches More Inspection Teams Nationwide

The State Council has decided to send more SARS prevention and treatment monitoring teams to cities, provinces and autonomous regions around the country, including Beijing, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, Henan, Guangdong and Ningxia.

Premier Wen Jiabao urged the teams to make efforts to publicize the importance of prevention and treatment of SARS, as well as the central government's policies and arrangements for dealing with the disease, and to report on the latest situation regarding SARS in these regions.

## May Day Holiday Called Off

The central government decided Monday to cancel the weeklong May Day holiday this year. The vacation has been truncated to run from May 1 to 5.

The purpose of the cancellation is to reduce the flow of people across large areas of the country so as to prevent the spread of SARS, according to a notice issued by the General Office of the State Council.

(Xinhua)

# City Moves to Isolate SARS Virus

Yesterday morning, the People's Hospital under Beijing University was quarantined by the municipal government, meaning that only possible SARS victims and staff can now enter.

It is the first structure quarantined since the government issued a circular on Wednesday regarding the quarantine of people, areas, animals and products infected, or suspected of being infected, by SARS in the

government's latest bid to curb the spread of the disease.

According to the circular, those having had close contact with people infected or suspected of being infected by SARS will also be isolated for quarantine.

Places infected by the virus that require quarantine include hospitals, factories, construction sites, hotels, restaurants, office buildings, residential buildings, villages, schools

and other designated places, according to the circular.

Municipal or district health departments have the authority to determine who and which places require quarantine, and their names will be made public, according to the circular.

The circular, which took effect on April 23, also stipulates that the government will cover the necessary expenses for quarantine.

## Task Force, Special Fund Created

The Chinese government decided Wednesday to create a national task force to combat SARS, and appropriated 2 billion yuan (\$243 million) of national funds for prevention and control of the disease.

The moves were taken by the State Council at its executive meeting chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao. The central government decided to set up the task force, known as the SARS Control

and Prevention Headquarters of the State Council, to coordinate national efforts to combat the disease.

Vice-Premier Wu Yi was appointed commander-in-chief, and Hua Jianmin, State Councilor and secretary general of the State Council, was named deputy commander-in-chief.

Money from the central government will go to create the SARS Control and Prevention Fund, targeting at

financing the treatment of farmers and poor urban residents infected with SARS, upgrading county-level hospitals and purchasing SARS-related medical materials in central and western China, and for researching the virus.

A further 600 million yuan (\$73 million) has been directed towards the China Center of Disease Control and Prevention.

(Xinhua)

## Government Refutes Rumors

By Hou Mingxin

Beijing Youth Daily reported on Wednesday that a spokesman for the Beijing Municipal Government refuted rumors that eight downtown districts would be isolated as of Thursday to stem the spread of SARS.

"It is only a rumor," said

the spokesman.

Liang Wei, director of the Beijing Commercial Commission, also said on Wednesday that local shops and supermarkets will not be closed, adding the city has sufficient stocks of daily necessities to ensure residents' can live normally.

A Beijing Youth Daily article on Thursday reported there have been runs on basic foods and water at some local supermarkets in the past week, fueled by rumors that stores around the city would be closed.

## Scientists Invent One-Hour Test

China has introduced a testing method that can accurately detect the presence of the virus that causes SARS within one hour, experts said Sunday.

The method, based on the sequencing of the virus' genome, was developed by the Beijing Genome Institute

under the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Microbial Epidemics Affiliated to the Medical Research Institute of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

The new method uses the specially-modified protein of the virus to detect the presence of a type of antibody

which the body produces in response to infection by the virus. The presence of the antibody is considered a certain indicator of the presence of the virus.

The method is safe, inexpensive and requires a relatively small sample for testing.

(Xinhua)



Dr. James H Maguire (right), head of the WHO SARS Expert Team visited Shanghai Disease Prevention and Control Center Monday.

Xinhua Photos

## WHO Official Praises Prevention Push

By Shan Jinliang

Junko Mitani, a press officer of the World Health Organization (WHO) in China told Beijing Today on Thursday that the Beijing government has made great efforts and improved SARS prevention.

Mitani said contact tracing of SARS patients has

improved, referring to the investigation of people who have had contacted with SARS patients. "It is not too late to prevent SARS," she added.

According to Mitani, many things still need to be done, the most important being the provision of the dates on which Chinese SARS vic-

tims contracted the virus. She added the WHO has been provided with the dates of the discovery of SARS cases in other countries.

"Investment in public health needs to increase, especially in rural areas," Mitani continued, "Doctors should be ensured that they will not contract SARS."

## Hospital Head Fired for Rejecting Patients

By Shan Jinliang

Cui Xiaoying, director of the emergency unit of the Affiliated Hospital to the Inner Mongolia Medical Institute, was sacked Wednesday for delaying the treatment of eight suspected SARS patients for six hours on April 16.

This is the first case of a hospital director being censured by the government for refusing to treat possible SARS victims in China.

According to a Xinhua News report on April 20, Wang Jianping and seven of his relatives went to the hospital on the morning of the day in question, all of them looking for treatment for SARS symptoms such as high fever, coughs and headaches.

After being confirmed as probable SARS victims, they were asked to pay 2,000 yuan each in advance for treatment. None of

them had enough money, so they went to the emergency unit for help at 2 pm.

Cui refused to deal with them on the grounds that the hospital could not subsidize patients' treatment. According to Wang, they were not admitted into the hospital until after they had contacted a Xinhua reporter, who arranged entrance for them from the office of the hospital's president.

However, the hospital has released information that the eight people committed possibly very damaging violations of hospital policy. Geri Letu, director of the president's office, said, "When these people came to the hospital, they were not wearing masks. After other SARS victims heard about this incident, even those that could pay refused to do so."

## SARS Tests Government Credibility

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It is incorrect for the government to control the epidemic information flow while the public remain unaware of the possible danger, says Wang.

"In the current information age, it's useless to try to hide facts from the public, who have diversified channels to get information, including rumors."

The SARS outbreak in Guangdong in February, in the opinion of Wang, should serve as a useful lesson for the Ministry of Health and the Beijing government. Authoritative and timely release of information has proved to be the most effective way to stop the spread of rumors.

"A regular government information release mechanism should be established to guarantee the public's right to the truth," he stresses. The incompleteness of Beijing's epidemic statistics reporting has also reflected China's lack of a sound pre-warning emergency system in the face of sudden public health emergencies, according to Wang.

"This is partly because there have been no major epidemics in China in the past fifty years. Most of our medical departments have no experience of handling public health emergencies."

When asked by reporters for an explanation for the dramatic increase of SARS cases in Beijing at Sunday's press conference, Gao Qiang, executive vice health minister, explained that the complicated medical management system in Beijing, where both local government, central government and military hospitals are located, has made it difficult for Beijing municipality to calculate the exact number of SARS cases.

"This should only be part of the reason, what's more important is that the ministry and the municipal government have no full awareness of responding quickly and actively to such emergencies," says Wang.

The SARS outbreak has proved a test of the government's emergency handling capability and skills, and demonstrates that great improvement is needed, Wang adds.

"Only when the public has access to proper information allowing them to adequately protect themselves when facing public health emergencies, can the whole society maintain stability and avoid further losses."

Wang holds that the government's image has been somewhat tarnished in its handling of the SARS outbreak, but says actions taken by the central government to strengthen crisis management might help to restore its credibility.

He predicts the SARS outbreak might trigger further reform of China's medical system, especially in the establishment of a public health emergency handling system.

Following Sunday's press conference, the Ministry of Health has begun conducting daily briefings to release the latest SARS figures nationwide, in place of the previous five-daily reporting system.

The State Council also set up a SARS Prevention Command on Wednesday to act as a center for disease control and prevention nationwide.

In Wang's opinion, the SARS outbreak will serve as both a lesson and a chance for the Chinese government to learn how to better deal with such emergencies in the future.

## Local Schools to Close for Two Weeks

Beijing's middle schools, primary schools and kindergartens closed as of Thursday for a period of two weeks for the May Day holidays from April 24 to April 7, according to a circular issued by local education authorities.

The decision was made to safeguard the health of 1.7 million students amid mounting efforts to stem the spread of the SARS virus, the Beijing Municipal Education Commission said in the circular.

Mid-term examinations in the closed schools will be postponed, said the commission.

Boarding schools with no SARS cases may continue classes but must not receive outside visitors. Students that leave their schools due to illness should undergo more than 10 days of quarantine before returning to the classroom.

Teachers and other school employees should remain at their posts to monitor students' health and guide students in their studies via the telephone and the Internet. Schools should report any suspected SARS case on a daily basis to the education authorities.

(Xinhua)

## Insurance Extended to Patients

By Hou Mingxin

On Wednesday, the Beijing Office of the China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) issued a notice to every insurance company in Beijing, requesting that no companies fail to provide insurance against SARS, according to a report published in Thursday's China Youth Daily.

The notice demanded insurance companies provide compensation to life insurance policyholders that contract SARS.

## Domestic Air Tickets Open for Full Returns

By Shan Jinliang

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) issued a circular Monday allowing full returns for domestic air tickets, meaning no commission fees can be charged, following the cancellation of the May Day holiday by the State Council.

According to the circular, all airlines must offer refunds for domestic tickets (excluding flights from the Chinese mainland to Hong Kong or Macao) bought before 12 pm, April 22, for flights from April 30 to May 7.

## Capital Sets Price Limits for Medicines and Service

By Shan Jinliang

On Wednesday, municipal government price limits on some SARS-related products and services, set in line with the national Price Law, went into effect.

The Beijing Municipal Pricing Bureau issued a notice Tuesday that the price-capped items include 16-layer gauze masks, which can be sold for no more than 4 yuan, and activated carbon masks, which can be priced no higher than 9.8 yuan. Price hikes for other types of masks and all disinfectants are not allowed.

City residents can call 12358 to report illegal price hikes of SARS-related products and services.

## Tourism Industry Takes Action

China's tourism enterprises have adopted various measures to prevent travelers from further spreading SARS.

Travel agencies have been restricted to organizing tours in local regions and the national government is doing its best to ensure the safety of inbound tourists, said He Guangwei, director of the China National Tourism Administration.

The China International Travel Service (CITS) has set up a special disease prevention center to disinfect sales counters, halls and reception rooms and dining rooms. Education of guides has also strengthened in order to remind them of methods for protecting tourists' health, said Chen Fuyao, vice-president of CITS.

(Xinhua)



# Foreign Companies Respond to SARS

By Xiao Rong

Restricting non-essential travel to and from regions identified as SARS-affected is a typical response to the epidemic, according to a recent SARS Response Survey conducted by the American Chamber of Commerce in China.

The email survey was made between April 4 and 7 with many of the 750 corporate members of the chamber having responded.

"More people have repatriated from China since we made the survey, at least their families have, though it's not a big number, maybe 15 to 20 percent at most, of the families. Most of those have really just left early for their spring vacations, while most business people are still here," said executive director of the chamber Mike Furst.

Furst told *Beijing Today* that the repatriation is mainly because some large companies have authorized the voluntary departure of their employees, including their families.

Some companies in southern China, particularly in Guangdong Province, according to the survey, are allowing dependants to repatriate voluntarily, but this has generally not been as common in Beijing.

Forty-four percent of the surveyed companies do not support the voluntary repatriation of expatriate employees for SARS related reasons, while 76 percent have contingency plans in case of SARS infection or possible infection, such as sterilizing or even closing their offices temporarily.

Keeping employees and clients up-to-date regarding SARS prevention and detection is also a common measure. All companies responding to the survey have requested employees to inform their superiors if they fall ill, to seek prompt medical care, and not report for work until a diagnosis is made.

When asked about the possible impact of SARS on business for the members of the Chamber of Commerce, Furst said that it might affect different industries in different ways.

Retail businesses have "certainly been affected" as occupancies have fallen and airlines have reduced numbers of flights, he said. While large manufacturers, like Motorola, Ford, General Motors, still "continue to produce goods and sell them in the Chinese market." Many American companies have seen fewer overseas visitors coming in.

Tourism and transportation, which constitute a considerable proportion of the economy, are highly susceptible, according to Furst, with lots of people canceling trips to China.

A bigger problem is that investors, or potential investors, might put off doing business here, because they cannot come to sign deals or negotiate, he continued.

Nevertheless Furst said he hoped the forthright action taken by the government would help counter some of the earlier negative effects of SARS.

"I hope that with the stronger government action from last Sunday, people will have greater confidence," he said.

The Chamber of Commerce will continue to issue bulletins as to the latest corporate policies regarding SARS and what steps businesses have actually taken.

## Information is the Key

By Chen Ying

The German Chamber of Commerce in China has organized meetings with the German Embassy's doctor and sends out continuous information on SARS by email on health issues and precautions to its members.

But the chamber has not stopped any activities and does not plan to cancel any events at this stage. "We now have fewer visitors yet more phone calls from people in Germany asking our advice," said Joerg Wuttke, chairman of the chamber.

"The SARS crisis has had a more severe impact on our member's activities. Fewer meetings take place, crucial visits are postponed and people are genuinely concerned. Member business activities (hotel, airline and tourism) have suffered," said Wuttke.

"Members were also very concerned about the way the crisis was handled in the initial phase in China and in Beijing particularly. We hope that by summer the crisis has subsided," he added.

## On Ground and in Air Screening

By Zhao Hongyi

A spokesperson for United Airlines says the company has been following an advisory from WHO by adopting screening procedures for on people suffering from SARS.

Specifically, all UA passengers departing from affected areas face three levels of screening; by local airport authorities before boarding a flight, by crew members who have been provided with guidelines for identifying the illness, and by health inspectors meeting all inbound flights from affected areas coming directly or indirectly to the United States.

Aircraft captains are required by law to report to the nearest US quarantine station any passenger who displays symptoms of SARS on a flight. Quarantine officials arrange for appropriate medical assistance to be available when the airplane lands.

## Precautionary Measures

By Sun Ming

Lufthansa is cooperating with national authorities at departure and arrival points on SARS prevention, according to a press release from the airline. The cooperation includes temperature checks, passenger screening and handing out health declaration forms.

Health advisories issued by the German National Public Health Institute are provided to passengers traveling to or from Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Manila and Vietnam.

The company's airport managers, check-in staff, ground staff and crew members have been briefed on the symptoms of SARS. Any visibly unwell passengers are required to obtain medical clearance before boarding Lufthansa aircraft.

## Emergency Measures

By Zhao Hongyi

Shell China has set up an emergency team focusing on collecting the latest SARS information and distributing it to staff. The team has put in place emergency measures in case of infection occurring in the office, and prepared posters reminding people of how to guard against infection.

A strict limit has been placed on business trips to affected countries, regions and cities, based on information provided by the WHO. Phone conferences and email has replaced business trips and meetings.

"Shell's principle is to keep staff updated with transparent information and knowledge and keep the working environment safe and clean," said Lusa Lee, Shell public affairs officer in Beijing. To date, no Shell staff or their families have left Beijing because of SARS.

"I personally think there is no need to over exaggerate the situation. The epidemic is serious. We should do whatever we can and need to do. Media should keep a balance in reporting the issue," said Lee.

"The key point is to keep the mass population aware of the latest developments, medical measures against the disease and necessary steps in case of any infection, and daily personal safety principles. That's enough," the officer added.

## Food Safety

By Lily Li

An urgent notice sent to restaurants countrywide by China Business Association last Sunday does not affect KFC's daily sanitation procedure, said sources from KFC.

The notice says that restaurants and hotels are key places for the prevention of SARS, and should be thoroughly sanitized. The system of meal separation must be adopted to reduce the chances of cross-infection.

A KFC spokesperson, who declined to be named, said it was easy to follow the notice because KFC always adopts meal separation system. "KFC has a strict standard for food sanitation, by which we can be sure of the food safety here."

However, extra measures have been added to prevent the spread of the disease. All ventilation systems have been turned on and air conditioners and filters are sanitized daily.



A new notice outside the Canadian Embassy asks visitors to show their ID and stand back!

## Business as Usual for Most Embassies

### US

The SARS outbreak has not affected the normal function of the US Embassy in China, according to embassy press officer Sheila Paskman.

But she confirmed to *Beijing Today* that the US Department of State has authorized the voluntary departure of non-core staff and all family members from the embassy and consulates general in China.

There have been no changes regarding visa policy, Paskman said, and according to an announcement on the embassy's website, no mandatory quarantines or bans have been imposed on travelers from identified SARS areas. "However, the United States Public Health Service reserves the right to quarantine travelers on any international conveyance that is transporting an infected passenger," it reads.

### Canada

The Canadian Embassy has announced on its website a temporary closure of its visa unit, between April 21 and April 25, for "emergency training against SARS." The visa unit will resume work on April 28.

While the visa unit is closed, the Canadian Embassy will not process any applications or conduct interviews, but the postal service for visa application will continue.

### New Zealand

The New Zealand Embassy in China confirmed to *Beijing Today* that there were no changes to visa policy and that the embassy is still open for normal business.

"But some of our originally scheduled sports games, cultural exchange activities and conferences in Beijing

have been cancelled," said Hu Xiaogun, administrative and consular officer of the embassy.

### Japan

Economic Consul of the Japanese Embassy Akira Chiba told *Beijing Today* Wednesday that while neither embassy staff nor their relatives have been advised to leave, "For more than 7,000 Japanese who are living in Beijing, the impact of SARS is extensive."

"As one of the embassy's major duties is to assure the safety of our nationals, we convened the Japanese Association in Beijing Tuesday to familiarize them with relevant knowledge and precautions against SARS," Chiba said.

"Also to prevent the disease from spreading, we have to halt some activities in our embassy's Information and Cultural Center, such as the library which was previously open to the public for free," he added.

### Britain

British Embassy press officer Alex Pinfield emphasized that there were no changes in services, and that the visa section operating normally.

But the spokesman added that the embassy had taken precautions to protect staff from SARS infection, in accordance with medical advice.

"There has naturally been some impact on the work of the Embassy, including on our commercial section. Some visitors have chosen to postpone their visit to China. We very much hope that these visits will go ahead later in the year," he said.

"We have recently amended our

travel advice to recommend against travel to Beijing and Shanxi (as well as Hong Kong and Guangdong). This is based on advice from the chief medical officer in the UK, and is in line with the WHO advice," said a spokesman from the British Embassy.

Meanwhile the British Council, which acts as the cultural and educational section of the embassy has rescheduled some of its programs. It has also cancelled a number of IELTS (International English Language Testing System) tests around the country.

### Malaysia

The Malaysian government issued a notice warning its citizens to be cautious if travelling to countries and regions affected by the SARS epidemic, Chen Fangzhou, press officer of the Malaysian Embassy in Beijing, told *Beijing Today*.

On April 9, Malaysia banned tourists from the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong from entering the country, but said government and business travelers were still welcome, provided they exhibited no SARS symptoms. "But we have replaced that restriction by requiring tourists to accept official health inspection at the airport once they arrive in Malaysia," Chen stressed. "Now everything is getting back to normal."

The embassy is providing all normal services, as are the two consulate offices in Shanghai and Guangzhou. No staff have been withdrawn from their post.

(By Xiao Rong / Ema Ma / Zhao Hongyi)

## Comment around the City

### Full Link Plaza

Posters have been put up declaring, "Elevators are disinfected at hourly intervals."

"We still work as usual. Nobody has contracted SARS in the office to date," Zhang Jun, an employee from Sanyo told *Beijing Today* Thursday.

"I saw a notice hung on third-floor, warning people to take measures to prevent SARS. There are rumors that someone working here got SARS, but the property management department deny it," said Zhang. "I think people should take care of themselves, but we needn't be too nervous."

She added that fewer people seemed to be visiting the department store inside the plaza.

### Oriental Plaza

"Our office is disinfected once every day," said Liu Yan, an employee at Toshiba.

To deal with SARS, the company has changed its work schedule so that people can adjust their time staying at the office to avoid traveling during the crowded peak hour in the morning and afternoon.

### China World Trade Center

"The company has distributed disinfectant to us," said Nancy Zhou, an employee at EDS (China), in the West Wing Office of the center.

She said there were many rumors about SARS inside the center. "The property management department always keeps contact with the companies inside the building. We



Photos by Aily

have received many notices from the department and can check the latest development through the building's internal website," said Zhou.

### Beijing Fortune Building

"The company pays much attention to SARS prevention. Visitors must use sanitized tissue to disinfect their hands when they entered the office. We also wear masks during meetings," said Li Jia, an employee at Hitachi (China).

"We haven't heard of any SARS cases in the building. I think the building management is good. The building adopted useful measures to prevent SARS earlier, before the public started paying so much attention to the disease," said Li.

### Sigma Plaza, Zhongguancun

Manager of the property management department Gong Guowei told *Beijing Today* Wednesday they began disinfecting the whole building a month ago. He said currently no SARS cases have been reported within the plaza, and the department asked all the tenant companies, which includes Microsoft China, to report on SARS developments by 4 pm every day.

Zhang Saying, Microsoft China senior PR manager said the company is still running regularly. To date, they have received no specific directions from headquarter in the US.

(By Chen Ying / Shan Jinliang)



# Doctor Calls for More Understanding



Li Xingwang Photo by Jackey

By Xiao Rong

Dr. Li Xingwang had just come out of a meeting on SARS treatment plans at about 10 pm Tuesday night when he gave a phone interview to *Beijing Today*.

As director of the Contagious Disease Department of Ditan Hospital, one of the local hospitals designated for treating SARS patients, Li is the technical and psychologi-

cal core of the hospital's SARS treatment team.

The high levels of pressure and responsibility have not let up since March 26, when the special SARS ward was set up in the hospital.

Li considers himself lucky that he and his wife, a doctor in the hospital's radiology department, are the only people at his home these days. "My son is studying journalism in

Ukraine and he has been calling almost every day since the outbreak of SARS," said Li.

The doctor is a veteran of the contagion treatment battlefield, with over 24 years of experience in fighting such diseases. "Though SARS is a new kind of infectious disease that demands further research, it is not as formidable as most people imagine," Li stressed.

Of the over 20 SARS patients Li has treated since March 26, only one has died, while eight have been discharged.

Li is also familiar with some of the unfortunate social effects of the crisis. "Some of my colleagues in respiratory departments, and especially their children and families, have been ostracized since the SARS outbreak," he said.

## 'My Wife Is on the Front Lines'

By Sun Ming

Li Keyong, a reporter with the Xinhua News Agency, has gone half a month since seeing his wife, a member of the SARS treatment group in her hospital, after she was put in isolation.

"I still struggle to believe my wife is working on the front lines of the fight against SARS," said Li, 29, who requested his wife's name not be published.

Li's wife is a doctor in the Emergency Internal Medicine department of Beijing People's Hospital. On April 7, one of her patients was identified as having SARS, leading to her immediate placement in an isolation chamber.

Li and his wife are able to stay in touch through

the telephone. So far, she has not shown symptoms of SARS and is in good health.

On April 11, Li's wife got the news that the Emergency Internal Medicine ward was going to be made the special treatment area for SARS patients in her hospital. That change left her with two choices - ask for a transfer to another department, or stay and treat SARS patients all day long.

Three days later, Li's wife joined the special SARS treatment group along with four other doctors. In order to prevent the possible spread of SARS to their family members, the doctors in the team were asked to stay at the hospital night and day.

## Survivor Speaks

By Sun Ming/Chen Minglian

Zhu Wei (pseudonym), a recovered SARS patient, was discharged from Ditan Hospital on Monday.

"I'm very excited," said Zhu, who had stayed in the hospital for three weeks. His wife and one of his friends, who contracted the virus from Zhu, are still in the hospital, but both are well on the way to recovery.

Zhu, nearly 50, is an official of a national government ministry. He asked *Beijing Today* not to publish his real name or otherwise reveal his identity.

"I still don't know who I got SARS from," said Zhu, "But I guess I got the disease in Thailand, because I began to feel uncomfortable there." He went to Thailand for business in mid-March, returning to Beijing on April 23.

He later learned he happened to be on the

same flight as Pekka Aro, a Finnish official from the International Labor Organization who died in Beijing of the disease on April 6.

Zhu was sent to the hospital on March 26. One week later, his wife and the friend who drove them to the hospital also began to show symptoms of SARS.

"The doctors and nurses took good care of me. At first, I was upset and refused to receive treatment. But they were very patient," recalled Zhu. "Without their hard work, I might not be here today."

He added, "The first time I saw the medical staff wearing masks and special eye goggles, I thought they looked funny. But once I understood how contagious SARS can be, I admired them. They are worthy of the utmost respect, and I will never be able to express my appreciation to them enough."

## Campuses Respond to Crisis

By Lily Li

Reaction to SARS has varied on university campuses around the city, but at most, students and their professors are trying to continue their work while taking some precautions.

Wang Fei, a graduate student at Tsinghua University, said, "We have received thermometers, masks, disinfectant and medicine for free. Our university is being responsible, and probably is safer than most places in the city."

All 28 universities in Beijing have taken similar measures for controlling and preventing SARS and have restricted campus access to students and staff only.

While all classes are open at Tsinghua and some other universities, they have been suspended at the Central University of Finance, Capital Normal University and two departments in Peking University because of the discovery of SARS cases since last Wednes-

day.

Universities are also striving to discourage students from going home or otherwise leaving Beijing in order to try to control the spread of the disease. Not every student, however, wants to hear it.

Chen Jing, from the School of Journalism and Communication of Renmin University of China, told *Beijing Today* on Tuesday, "I'm driving my mom's friend's car back home to Hebei this afternoon."

Local universities are taking a looser stance towards overseas teachers and students, who can freely choose whether to stay or leave. Salim Menina, a French MBA exchange student at the University of International Business and Economics said, "I came here last month for a six-month-long program. I love it here, but I don't know what to do next - go home or stay here? It's an extremely difficult choice."



Martin Brandes had dinner with friend Falk Kagelnacher at the Wenru Teahouse near SOHO on Wednesday.

## Not Scared, But Cautious

By Ivy Zhang

Unfazed by the SARS panic, German writer and Beijing resident Martin Brandes and his wife Marianne Friese are still going to restaurants as they did before the outbreak of the disease.

The couple continues to frequent their favorite restaurants and teahouses around the SOHO apartment complex, in which they live. He

explained his calm in the SARS storm with the rationale that this is a city of 13 million, and in that context, the chances of getting infected are slim.

"I feel safe, and my wife and I decided not to leave China," said Brandes. "But, this is a dangerous disease. We need to be a little careful."

Among the precautions that Brandes and Friese are taking are not riding the subway or

buses and only taking taxis to get around. "I know taxis are also dangerous, so I look carefully at the drivers. If the guy does not look trustworthy, I take another one," he said.

For now, the couple is looking forward to a return to life as normal, so they can hold a party on their terrace at the end of May for the start of barbecue season.

Photo by Aily

## Markets Empty in Wake of Outbreak

By Ema Ma

The economic side effects of the SARS crisis have started to be felt by major shopping areas around the city.

Last Thursday, the management office of the Panjiayuan Antique Market, popularly known as the "Dirt Market", posted a note at the gate to the area that read, "Part of the market will be closed starting next Monday for an overhaul."

Inside, there were almost no customers, leaving vendors with nothing to do but play cards or chat to pass the time.

"Overhaul? What a lie!" said one vendor who requested anonymity. "Who would dare come to a market next door to a hospital that receives SARS patients?"

A guard at the market's gate admitted that the number of customers has dropped by almost two thirds since last week.

Over the past week, the normally popular Sanlitun bar street has given off a strong smell of disinfectants, but is still nearly empty.

"As the reported number of SARS patients goes up, our number of customers goes down," said a bartender at the Kebab Café on Wednesday evening.



Panjiayuan market is nearly devoid of customers. Photo by Mily



Photos by Zhang Peng

## Futuristic Detectors Set Up at Airport

By Su Wei/Lily/Dong Jingmin

Since Monday, the International wing of the Capital International Airport has been equipped with infrared thermal imaging machines, allowing security personnel to identify passengers with above-average body temperatures as they pass the screening machine.

In their first two days of their use, the machines identified several passengers with high temperatures, including one foreign man who registered a temperature over 38°C Celsius on Monday. Further examinations conducted at the airport showed he did not have SARS.

## Two Local Hospitals Open to Expats

By Su Wei/Sun Ming

Beijing International SOS Clinic and Beijing United Hospital were named the two hospitals directed to diagnose foreign patients suspected of having SARS in Beijing last week by the municipal government.

"Patients diagnosed as having SARS will be transferred to the West Branch of Beijing Union Hospital for immediate treatment," said Yang Meimei, Beijing United Hospital's public relations coordinator.

As of today, Beijing United Hospital has received more than 10 suspected SARS patients, but none have been found to actually have the disease. Beijing International SOS Clinic refused to reveal the exact number of possible SARS patients diagnosed at the facility.

## Public Transit System Gets Special Spring Cleaning

By Lily Li

Last Friday, a SARS prevention team made up of 2,000 people from companies in the local public transportation industry was assembled with the intention of passing on information about the disease to the rest of their colleagues.

Drivers and ticket-takers are required to have a good understanding of methods for identifying and preventing SARS. On all buses, half of the windows must be kept open to provide adequate ventilation.

Last weekend, cleanliness and sanitation campaigns were launched throughout the metropolitan transportation system, including buses, subway lines and city railway lines. As of today, no SARS cases have been reported among employees of local bus and subway companies.



A cab undergoes free sanitizing at a facility near Beijing West Railway Station.

Photo by Zhang Shujing

## Taxis Tagged for Sanitation Checks

By Lily Li

Taxi companies citywide conducted thorough checks of the sanitary conditions of 32,195 taxis last weekend, in which 98.5 percent of the cars inspected were found satisfactory or better. Only 89 cabs from Fengtai and Mentougou districts failed the checks, as the companies reported to the Beijing Inspection and Quarantine Bureau.

All taxi drivers have been ordered by their employers to hang bottles filled with disinfectant inside their cars and keep at least half the windows open at all times.

Taxi companies will continue to conduct weekly sanitation examinations, while employees from the Beijing Inspection and Quarantine Bureau are planning to launch daily spot checks of taxis around the city.

## Hotels Get Serious about Safety

By Lily Li

China World Hotel has ordered all its employees to undergo checks of their body temperature before entering the hotel.

"Half of our employees are still on duty, so preventing them from bringing the virus into the hotel is very important," said Wang Xuchong, a manager at the hotel.

Xu Jinzhi, president of the Beijing Tourism Association (Restaurant Branch), said most starred hotels in the city have implemented thorough daily sanitation measures.

## The Shows Won't Go On, For Now

By Guo Yuandan

According to the Ministry of Culture, it's time to put the shows on hold. The Ministry has released statements suggesting the postponement or cancellation of any event intended to draw over 30 people.

Han Xiaowei, an employee of the China Performing Arts Agency under the Ministry of Culture said, "Starting this week, all public performances in Beijing will be postponed or cancelled." The explicit reason is SARS.

When shows will be allowed to take the stage again is unclear and will depend on the progress of the fight against the virus. Stage fans, don't hold your breath.



# Asian Economic Gloom Over SARS

Hong Kong, April 24 (AFP) - International ratings agency Standard and Poor's joined the chorus of gloom over Asian economic prospects, saying the deadly SARS outbreak would slash growth, with Hong Kong taking the heaviest blow.

The US-based agency said Tuesday the outbreak of SARS has affected not only tourist arrivals and consumer spending, but also business operations and investments.

Tourism and aviation in Asia have been ravaged by the outbreak as fearful travelers choose to stay home. A regional aviation organization appealed Tuesday for Asian governments to help airlines ride out the crisis.

Standard and Poor's said the potential impact of the killer virus was growing with every new infection and death. The ratings agency said SARS was affecting the way people interact, with many people choosing to avoid public places, harming confi-

dence and consumption.

"The adjustments in each economy are largely proportionate to the gravity of the outbreak, and to the importance of tourism and domestic consumption to the economy," said Ping Chew, director of Standard and Poor's sovereign ratings group.

Under the agency's most likely scenario, the virus will ultimately be controlled and the damage to economies, public finances, and public health are likely to be short-lived.

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) said growth in Asia would decline to 2.7 percent this year from 2.9 percent in 2002 as the fallout from SARS aggravates the impact of the weakening global economy.

Merrill Lynch cut its economic growth forecast for Hong Kong to 3.1 percent from its previous estimate of 4.0 percent.

The Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) on Tuesday cut its economic growth

forecast for Malaysia due to a fall in tourists following the outbreak.

## US Economy Starting to Feel SARS Effect

Washington, April 23 (AFP) - Amid heightened concerns about SARS, the US economy is starting to feel the effects of the deadly new strain of pneumonia, according to new industry and government reports.

The US Federal Reserve, in its Beige Book survey released Wednesday, cited SARS as a factor holding back an ailing US economy by cutting into tourism in some regions of the country.

The staggering airline industry is especially hard hit by the outbreak.

"San Francisco noted that international travel had weakened, due in part to the SARS outbreak in Asia. Dallas observed a decline in air travel due to the onset of the war and the SARS outbreak," the Beige Book said.

Some analysts say the worst is yet to come for a sputtering US economy, predicting a ripple effect as jobs are cut back. The impact of SARS could grow if companies quarantine workers traveling to or from affected countries.

US factories could cut jobs if parts and other supplies are no longer purchased from companies in SARS affected countries, he said.

SARS is already seen as impacting global trade, according to a new report by the World Trade Organization.

In their latest World Trade Figures report, WTO experts projected growth of two to three percent in global trade this year, held back in part by SARS.

"The impact of SARS on trade is uncertain," the report said. "If the disease continues unabated, there could be a permanent shift in supply chains away from Southern China and Hong Kong."

## Singapore's SARS Measures Welcomed

Singapore, April 23 (AP) - People believed to have been exposed to SARS in Singapore have been ordered to stay home where they will be watched by a camera, sometimes tagged with an electronic wrist band, and can be imprisoned if they go out.

Among nations hardest hit by acute respiratory syndrome, this city state has some of the harshest measures to stop the spread of the illness. And most people here say they feel safer.

Singapore's Ministry of Health has been open about the SARS problem and has published daily updates on the growing number of SARS patients on its web site.

"This crisis is not just a crisis of SARS, it is also a crisis of fear," said Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong. "We have got to first



Singaporean PM Goh Chok Tong said the SARS outbreak was the "worst" crisis Singapore had faced.

AFP Photo

and foremost show that we can contain SARS."

"I can't say if it's an overreaction," said Westmoreland Palon, a spokesman for Malaysia in Singapore. "So far this SARS thing has taken quite a toll."

(Alexa Olesen)

## HK Launches \$1.5B SARS Economic Package

Hong Kong, April 23 (AFP) - Hong Kong chief executive Tung Chee-hwa announced a US\$1.5 billion economic package to soften the impact of the deadly SARS outbreak, which has devastated the travel and retail industries.

The package includes reductions in fees and rates for the worst affected industries and for residents.

So far, SARS has killed 99 people in Hong Kong and the local economy has taken a heavy hit. Hotels and restaurants are nearly empty and retailers claim their sales have fallen by more than 50 percent.

Under the new measures, public housing estate residents will receive a 25 percent rent reduction while businesses in govern-



Wearing a mask, a girl from Hong Kong drags her bag upon arriving at New Tokyo International Airport, April 23, 2003.

AP Photo

ment-owned buildings will get 30 to 50 percent rent cuts.

## US Draws Grim Picture of SARS Worldwide

Washington, April 22 (AFP) - US health authorities drew a grim picture of the worldwide SARS epidemic, saying it was showing no signs of abating despite mammoth efforts to contain it.

"We still have no capacity to predict where it's going or how large it's ultimately going to be," Julie Gerberding, head of the Cen-

ters for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, told the press.

"I think the good news is that we do see effective containment in some areas and some measures do seem to be very successful," she said. "We must remain vigilant here. The last thing that we can do at this point in time is relax."

## French Prime Minister to Visit China

Paris, April 22 (Reuters) - French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin is still planning to visit China despite the killer SARS bug sweeping Asia.

The French PM is to cut short his visit and arrange for extra doctors to be on standby, French officials said on Tuesday. Half the

business leaders scheduled to accompany Raffarin have canceled this Friday's trip.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and US Vice President Dick Cheney recently postponed planned visits to Asia, although both said this was due to the Iraq war rather than SARS.

## Official: AIDS Will Increase SARS Deaths

April 24, (PlanetOut.com) - Dr. Luc Montagnier, head of the World Foundation for AIDS Research and Prevention, warned that the SARS death toll will be much higher among people with HIV and AIDS than in the general population.

Speaking to journalists in Tokyo, he said: "SARS is caused by another virus (different from HIV) and it does not kill lots of people -- around 4 to 5 percent of those infected. But if the immune system is depressed by AIDS, the toll would be much higher. It would be very alarm-

ing if people were infected with both SARS and AIDS."

Montagnier, a French biologist, is a co-discoverer of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Even though no effective drug treatment for SARS exists, Montagnier was not too alarmed about the development of the epidemic, arguing that there are many tools available for tracking and controlling its spread.

"An epidemic where 95 percent of the people survive hasn't got much chance of going very far," He added: "Many more people die from flu every year."

## WHO to Hold Second SARS Conference

Geneva, April 20 (AFP) - The World Health Organization said it plans to hold another international conference in June of researchers working to counter SARS.

The meeting, planned for June 17-18, will review epidemiological and clinical developments as well as progress made in laboratories on trying to develop diagnostic tests and a cure for SARS, WHO spokesman Dick Thompson told AFP.

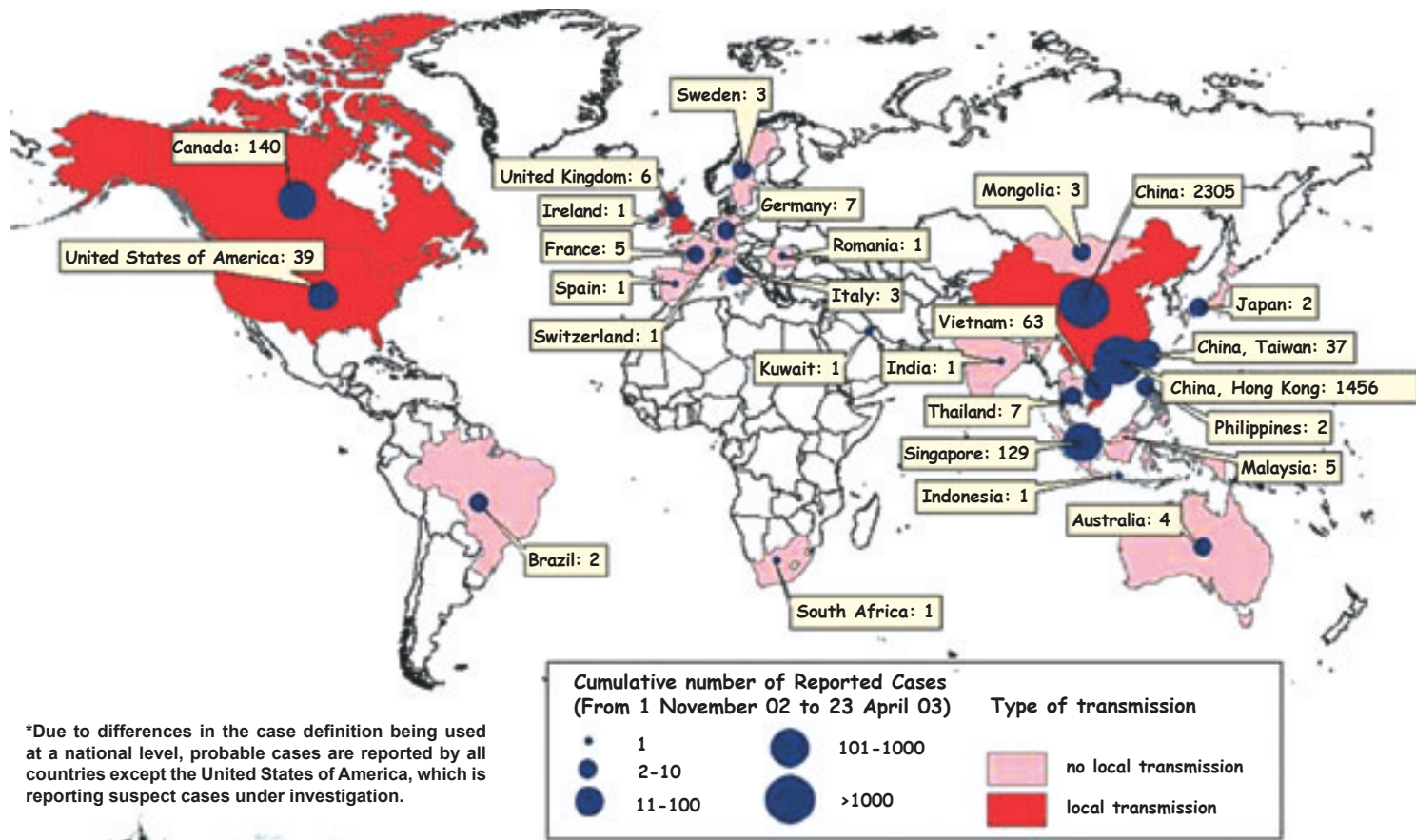


World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland

AFP Photo

## SARS: Cumulative Number of Reported Probable\* Cases

Total number of cases: 4288 as of 23 April 2003



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## WHO Strengthens Travel Warnings to Contain SARS

### Canada Objects to WHO Travel Advice

Beijing/Toronto, April 23 (Reuters) - Saying SARS was still spreading out of control, the World Health Organization tightened travel advisories on Wednesday, adding China's Beijing and Shanxi province, and Canada's Toronto to the list.

WHO cited the spread of SARS in Beijing and Shanxi as the reason for adding those areas to an existing advisory about travel to Hong Kong and the southern Guangdong province.

The Beijing city government said it would quarantine people and buildings infected, or suspected of being infected, with the SARS virus, the official Xinhua news agency said - by force if necessary.

It has spread to virtually every continent but outside of Asia, Canada has been especially hard-hit. On Tuesday the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a travel advisory for Toronto, saying people should not postpone travel there but should be aware of SARS.

But WHO expressed stronger concern.

"We are going to recommend that people who have unnecessary travel to Shanxi, to Beijing, and to Toronto postpone that travel if possible," WHO's Dr. David Heymann told reporters in a telephone briefing.

(Benjamin Kang Lim and Amran Abocar)



A passenger wears a face mask to protect against the SARS virus, while waiting for a shuttle outside Pearson International Airport in Toronto, Canada, Wednesday, April 23, 2003. Canadians Wednesday blasted a World Health Organization warning against travel to Toronto, saying the city had the SARS virus under control and that the warning would have a devastating effect on the country's economy.

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Toronto, April 23 (AFP) - The WHO statement led to outrage in Canada.

"Where did this group come from? Who did they see? Who did they talk to?" a visibly angry Mel Lastman, Toronto's mayor, asked at a press conference, referring to WHO.

"They sit somewhere, I understand Geneva, I don't even know where the hell they came from, and they make decisions."

"Let me be clear. If it's safe to live in Toronto, it's safe to come to Toronto. I dare them to be here tomorrow."

City health officials said the WHO advisory was both irresponsible and regrettable. "The outbreak is not over but it is definitely under control," said Sheela Basrur, Toronto's medical officer of health.

"We do not support the WHO's position. We believe that it is safe to travel to Toronto," said Paul Gully of the federal agency Health Canada.

Canada's Deputy Prime Minister John Manley, speaking in Manitoba, agreed, saying: "I don't think that (the WHO's decision) was justified. I intend to visit Toronto this weekend without any worry about my personal health."

Canada on Wednesday reported 330 cases nationwide, an increase of six from one day ago. All of the new cases occurred in Ontario province, which now has 136 probable and 131 suspected cases.

## Australians Plan to Infect Animals with SARS Virus

Sydney, April 24 (AFP) - Australian scientists plan to import a specimen of the deadly SARS virus and infect animals with it in hopes of learning how the disease originated and spread.

Scientists at the government's top research organization, CSIRO, said Thursday the experiment would be carried out at the request of UN agencies and in conjunction with researchers in Canada, where 16 people have died of SARS.

Martyn Jeggo of CSIRO's animal health laboratory told the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper that chickens, pigs and cats would be infected with the SARS virus in a bid to discover if the disease originated in animals and then jumped the species barrier to humans.

"To do that means putting that nasty agent into animals," he said.

The three species were chosen because chickens have been implicated in the first cases of SARS in China, pigs have been a source of infections that spread to humans and cats can suffer from a disease -- feline infectious peritonitis -- which is caused by a virus from the same family as SARS.

There have been no confirmed cases of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, in Australia, although four possible cases are under investigation.

Worldwide nearly 4,000 people have been infected with SARS and more than 250 have died.

Before launching its experiment, CSIRO must obtain approval from government animal ethics and bio-security panels.



COMBATING SARS 预防手册

1 Main Symptoms and Signs of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS):

- high fever (>38°C)
- one or more respiratory symptoms including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with SARS, or has a recent history of travel to areas reporting cases of SARS (Close contact means having cared for, having lived with, or having had direct contact with respiratory secretions and body fluids of a person with SARS).
- In addition to fever and respiratory symptoms, SARS may be associated with other symptoms including: headache, muscular stiffness, loss of appetite, malaise, confusion, rash and diarrhea.

Compared with SARS, the symptoms of influenza such as fever, cough and headache usually subside within a few days without any serious complications or signs of pneumonia.

The incubation period for SARS is typically 2 – 14 days, usually 4 – 5 days.

2 Advisable Precautionary Measures:

- Build up good body immunity. This means taking a proper diet, having regular exercise and adequate rest, reducing stress and avoiding smoking.
- Maintain good personal hygiene. Cover the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- Keep hands clean and wash hands properly. Do this before putting on a face mask and after taking it off, after going to the toilet and touching public installations/equipment (railings, door handles, lift buttons, public telephones). Use liquid soap for hand washing and a disposable towel for drying hands.
- Wash hands when they are dirtied by respiratory secretions such as after sneezing.
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth. If necessary, wash hands before touching them.
- Do not share towels.
- Use serving utensils at meal times.
- Keep the home environment clean. Wipe furniture (including the telephone) regularly (at least once a day) with a cloth soaked with diluted household bleach (i.e., adding 1 part household bleach to 99 parts water), and then wipe with a cloth soaked in water.
- Clean all drain outlets at home once a day. Pour a teaspoonful of 1:99 diluted household bleach down each drain outlet. After 5 minutes, rinse with water.
- Maintain good indoor ventilation.

- Avoid visiting crowded places with poor ventilation.
- People with respiratory tract infections, or those caring for them, should wear a face mask.
- Consult your doctor promptly if you develop respiratory symptoms. The earlier you seek treatment, the higher your chances of recovery.

3 About Wearing a Face Mask:

Wearing a face mask properly offers satisfactory protection against respiratory tract infections. If you have a respiratory tract infection it also helps prevent the spread of the illness.

People who should wear a face mask:

- People with respiratory illness symptoms and those in close contact with cases of atypical pneumonia, as well as their carers and those visiting sick people in hospitals.
- Those involved in the preparation or serving of food should wear a face mask.
- Members of the public may wear a face mask for self protection.

Points to note about wearing a face mask:

- Wash hands before putting on a face mask, and after taking one off.
- Follow the instructions on the packet carefully and make the mask fit snugly over the face.
- The colored side of the face mask faces outside.
- The face mask covers the nose, mouth and chin.
- The metallic strip at the top of the mask is fixed securely over the bridge of the nose to prevent leakage.
- Under general circumstances, a surgical mask should be changed daily. Replace the mask immediately if it is damaged or soiled.
- Put used face masks into a plastic bag and tie the bag closed before putting it into a rubbish bin with a lid.
- Wearing a face mask is just one way to help prevent respiratory tract infections. The most important thing you should do is to observe good personal hygiene. You can also build up body immunity through a healthy lifestyle — eat well, get plenty of rest, exercise and do not smoke.

4 Precautions If a Family Member or Friend Has Contracted the Disease:

People should avoid visiting patients with atypical pneumonia.

People who have close contact with patients suffering from the disease should:

- Observe quarantine regula-

tions. According to Beijing Health Bureau regulations, you will be required to stop work, stay at home and report daily to surveillance centers for 10 days.

- If you must leave your home, wear a face mask and observe good personal hygiene.
- If you think you may have had contact with an infected person, wear a face mask for at least 10 days and seek medical advice.
- At home, clean toys and furniture properly (using a solution of 1 part bleach: 49 parts water).
- Pay special attention to your health and hygiene. Wash hands frequently.
- Seek early medical advice if feeling unwell.

5 Travel Advice, Especially for Those Taking a Plane

Travelers should be aware of the need to report promptly to a health care worker in the unlikely event that they fall ill with this combination of SARS symptoms during their travel or after returning home.

Any traveler who develops these symptoms is advised not to undertake further travel until they have recovered.

Any sick passenger identified during a flight would on arrival be referred to airport health authorities. Other fellow passengers and crew on the aircraft should provide all contact details for the subsequent 14 days to the airport health authorities.

It is recommended to avoid long-distance travel, especially by plane, due to the lack of ventilation.

If they have no other choice, passengers taking a plane should fill in a health registration form before the security examination at the airport guaranteeing that their health condition is suitable to take a plane. All travelers are advised to wear a face mask on the plane.

6 Diagnosis and Medical Treatment for SARS:

A chest X-ray will help confirm the diagnosis. A rapid test has been developed to detect the coronavirus in patients.

Experience in Guangzhou and Hong Kong shows that patients react favorably to ribavirin (a broad spectrum antiviral drug) and steroid treatment. Other treatment methods are also being developed and tested. But a vaccine is not yet available.

7 SARS Transmission:

- People who have recovered from SARS do not appear to infect others. To date, there have been no reports of this happening in China.
- There is no evidence that people who have had SARS will

be susceptible again, after having recovered. Again, there have been no cases of this in China. But these people should seek permission to be discharged by hospitals after their complete recovery and they should keep on taking all the medication recommended by doctors

- There is no scientific evidence to suggest that coins or notes can spread the SARS virus. Research indicates that the virus cannot survive for more than three to six hours after being separated from a carrier's body. SARS is known to be transmitted through droplets of respiratory secretions, especially when people are within a distance of one meter.

It is not known how warmer weather will affect the spread of SARS in Beijing. The climate in Singapore is semi-tropical and the weather in Inner Mongolia is comparatively cold. But SARS cases have been found in both these areas.

8 Useful Websites Opened by Beijing Center for Disease Prevention and Control for Detailed Information about SARS:

- Homepage: [www.bjcdc.org/jkzl/ywfd.asp](http://www.bjcdc.org/jkzl/ywfd.asp)
- Details of reported cases of SARS around the world: [www.bjcdc.org/jkzl/fdpop/efddgtjtj.asp](http://www.bjcdc.org/jkzl/fdpop/efddgtjtj.asp)
- SARS patients and deaths in China's mainland: [www.bjcdc.org/jkzl/fdpop/efddgnqk.asp](http://www.bjcdc.org/jkzl/fdpop/efddgnqk.asp)

9 SARS Hotline with English Service:

64212486, 64217830, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

10 Hospitals for People from Outside China's Mainland for SARS Diagnosis:

- Beijing Hemujia Maternity and Child Medical Care Center  
Address: No.2 Jiangtai Road, Chaoyang District  
Tel: 13693623031
- Beijing International (SOS) Saving and Rescuing Center  
Address: Building C, Beixin Zulin Zhongxin, No.1 Xingfu Sancun Beijie, Chaoyang District  
Tel: 64629112 / 64629100

11 If Diagnosed with SARS, You Would Be Sent for Medical Treatment at:

- West Section of Peking Union Medical College Hospital (Post and Telecommunication Hospital)  
Address: No.41, Damucang Hutong, Xicheng District  
Tel: 88068850 (simple English spoken for those seeking consultation services)

(Edited by Su Wei)



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## SFDA Aims for Integration, Not Just Combination

By Ena Ma

Compared to three other new government institutions approved to be set up in March's congress, the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) appears to have the most to do. It's also going to be facing the greatest scrutiny during this atypical season in China.

The SFDA has been set up on the basis of the original State Drug Administration (SDA), with

its authority extended to food, cosmetics and health-care products.

"Adding 'Food' to the new name shows the safety of food will be supervised as closely as that of drugs," Liu Xingxin, deputy director of China Cereals and Oil Association in an interview with *China Business Times* last month. "The intensifying of regulatory supervision will help bring greater order to the food industry," Liu added.

Some powers of the original SDA, such as price supervision and industry policy, were scattered among separate bureaucracies. Management of the food industry was even more complicated as it was the responsibility of more than four different authorities. Integrating these functions and departments is the SFDA's most urgent task. "It is not just a case of combining the functions, the focus is to intensify the su-

pervision," added Zheng Xiaoyu, director of the SFDA, and former head of the original SDA.

The SFDA also found itself the center of public attention this week as a drug to defend against the SARS virus developed by the Academy of Military Medical Sciences began to pass through the regulatory system. The SFDA is under pressure to finish its tests as soon as possible, so the drug can be put on the market.

## New Plan for Air Ticket Prices Announced

By Hou Mingxin

The State Development and Reform Commission announced a new plan for domestic airline ticket prices last Wednesday in Beijing.

According to the plan, domestic civil aviation enterprises will be encouraged to establish a market-oriented ticket pricing mechanism under the supervision of

the government.

A price of 0.75 yuan per kilometer per capita will be set for domestic airlines and for the domestic airspace of international flights. The prices should not be hiked by more than 25 percent of this price, and should not be discounted by more than 40 percent, according to the new plan.

Within the range of the prices, airline companies should provide different levels of pricing for consumers.

As for the companies that independently operate one airline, the companies will be allowed to offer a discount price over 40 percent, but they will not be allowed to increase the prices by more

than 25 percent.

Disabled veterans, teachers and students will enjoy discounted prices.

In order to minimize the risk of SARS, a scheduled public hearing on the new plan on Thursday in Beijing has been suspended, according to Tuesday's *Beijing Youth Daily*.



## Miss China Selected

Left to right:  
Zhang Rui, Wu  
Wei and Xin  
Xiaojing

Confident, healthy Wu Wei won the title of Miss China Sunday evening and will contend for the title of Miss Universe in Panama in June.

Zhang Rui and Xin Xiaojing

came second and third. Jiang Xintian, a deaf-mute girl, was the happy recipient of the Media Focus prize.

A total of 2,000 girls registered for the competition across the country, and 39 of them were chosen to compete in the final

round held in Jinan, the capital of east China's Shandong Province, Sunday evening.

The 175.5-cm-tall Wu will receive further training and will represent Chinese womanhood at the 52nd Miss Universe pageant in Panama, sponsors said. (Xinhua)

## British Women To Conquer Great Wall

By Su Wei

Karen Churches has been dreaming of becoming the first woman to walk the entire length of the Great Wall for six years. Her dream is about to become a reality. She quit her job as a manager in London early this month to set out on her expedition: to follow the Great Wall from Yumenguan in the Gobi Desert to Shanhaiguan on the east coast where the Wall meets the Yellow Sea.

"It will truly be a life-changing adventure. To say that I am excited is an understatement," she said at Monday's press conference in Beijing. She reckons the journey will take her seven months. That time will be divided up into 22 different 10 to 15 day sections on which she will be joined by women from around the world. "Up to now, 250 women from all over the world have



Left to right: Zhang Zhe from Roots & Shoots, Josie Lawrence, Karen Churches and James Sparshatt, a film maker

enrolled to join me on different sections."

"The walk is largely in aid of charity," Churches said, "for the British charity Breakthrough Breast Cancer and two other Chinese based charities -- Plan International (a charity to help women and children living in de-

prived rural areas) and Roots & Shoots (which aims to raise awareness of environment and wildlife protection)."

Actress and comedienne Josie Lawrence will join Churches for the first two and a half months and also will rejoin her at the end of the journey for two months.

"I never feel I give myself a real challenge. When I am on stage or on TV, I do not feel afraid. But in my normal life, I often find myself afraid. Joining this walk is a way of facing my fears, especially acrophobia."

Also walking the first section, an 80 kilometer four-day trek, will be three other British women. Erica Jackson, a part time doctor who has recently recovered from breast cancer, says she is taking part in the walk to show that women can completely overcome the disease.

"My daughters support me but my husband says I am crazy," says Fiona Leslie, a nurse who has also recently overcome breast cancer. "I think it will be great fun."

"I am not that strong," says Samantha Pinder. "But I think if I can try this then other people might take on similar challenges." She says she wants to lead by example.

## Five Companies Selected to Bid for National Stadium

Five companies from home and abroad have been selected to bid for co-ownership of the National Stadium, the main stadium for the 2008 Olympic Games, the Beijing Development Planning Commission (BDPC) announced here on Tuesday.

These companies should by June 30 submit their formal bids for the second round of selection, BDPC said.

A judging panel will choose

one company as the co-owner of the National Stadium with the Beijing State-Owned Assets Management Co. (BSAM).

The winner and BSAM will be in charge of construction and operation of the National Stadium.

The National Stadium will cover a floor area of 145,000 square meters. Construction is set to begin on December 24.

(Xinhua)

## Temple Trees Trampled

By Ena Ma

Efforts are under way to save 600 ancient cypress trees in the Temple of Heaven which have suffered from the huge numbers of visitors to the grounds.

The Temple of Heaven is where the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for good harvests. In 1998, it was named a world cultural heritage site by UNESCO.

There are 3,562 old trees in the park, many of them between 200 and 1,000 years old. As well as being a top draw for coach loads of tourists, roughly 20 to 30 thousand local people come to the temple every morning

to walk and do their exercises, according to Jiang Shibin, director of the temple's Communications Division. The most popular place for exercises is the cypress groves. This has prevented the soil around the trees from being properly ventilated, hampering growth of roots, especially those of the 600 old trees around the Circular Mound Altar.

"We will invest one million yuan this year to save the damaged trees," said Jiang. "The first step to loosen the soil has begun and next we will erect bars around the trees and grow some vegetation under them to improve the soil quality."

## Shanghai Auto Show to Close Ahead of Schedule

The international auto show currently being held in Shanghai will close three days ahead of schedule in the interests of guarding against SARS, sponsors said Wednesday.

The Shanghai municipal government has decided to close the 2003 Shanghai International Automobile and Manufacturing Tech-

nology Exhibition on April 24.

About 730 auto manufacturers from 23 countries and regions participated in the exhibition, which opened Monday and which was scheduled to close on April 27.

No participants have been infected with SARS during the exhibition. (Xinhua)

## Increasing Domestic Demand for Machine Tools

By Su Wei

The annual quantity and sales of machine tools exported to China by Daewoo Heavy Industry & Machinery (DHI&M), a South Korean company, have been rising by 100 percent per annum for the past few years.

Early this year, DHI&M adjusted the amount of machine tools to be sold in China to 500 sets from an original figure of 300. "We have seen fast development in car manufacturing in China, which has created more demand for car components. So the demand for machine tools is also rising. Last year we sold 230 sets in China," says Kim Woong Bum, general manager of DHI&M at a press conference held in Beijing

last Thursday.

Kim says even before the opening of the six-day exhibition of the Eighth China International Machine Tools Show which ended this Tuesday, 14 types of their newly designed machines including automobile component machining, aluminum wheel machining and mold machines were sold to Chinese clients. "Sales from Chinese clients' purchasing orders at this exhibition reached around US\$ 10 million."

DHI&M is to set up a machine tools production factory in China this year. As well as maintaining our dominant market share in machine tools in China, we hope to double our sales volume here," said Kim.



A sculpture by Columbian artist Fabio Barrera "Luxe" is exhibited in Beijing Books Center of China, April 23. A total of 136 art works from Asian and Latin American countries were put on display in the books center on the World Book and Copyright Day on Wednesday.

Xinhua Photo

## Watch Out for False Idols

By Ena Ma

An American businessman was almost swindled out of \$1.2 million by three men offering to sell him a golden Buddha and other counterfeit antiques.

Last Thursday, one of the criminals, Lai Shuirong was sentenced to eight years imprisonment with a fine of 10,000 yuan. The other two suspects have escaped.

Last September, Mr. Lu, chief representative of an American oil company in Beijing, received a call from Lai Lianping, a colleague of Lai Shuirong, offering to sell cultural relics.

Lai said he had been engaged in construction in Beijing and that his company had unearthed some relics in a graveyard.

Tempted by Lai's offer, Lu rented a villa in Changping County last October to meet and bargain for the antiques. He was shown a fake golden Buddha and other "golden" relics that were actually made out of alloy.

The next day, Lu signed a \$1.2 million contract with Lai to buy the antiques. Luckily, the police uncovered Lai's plot at the last minute.

## Consumers Get Nothing in Sunwoods Case

By Ena Ma

Haidian Court has rejected compensation claims by Zhang Suming and four other consumers against two shopping malls in Beijing where they bought Sunwoods stereo speakers.

The story began last March 15, Chinese Consumer's Day, with a high-profile CCTV program which claimed that Sunwoods, a popular hi-fi brand, was cheating consumers by claiming to have an internationally recognized brand name. (*Beijing To-*

day reported this story in the March 22 issue)

After the CCTV program went on air, Zhang Suming and four other Beijing consumers considered that according to the China Protection Law, they were entitled to get a refund from the store where they purchased the goods if the fraud was confirmed. So they went to Haidian Court to sue two shopping malls. Similar cases were also brought in other courts in the capital.

After the court accepted the

case, many consumers considered a refund was only a matter of time. However, things did not turn out as they expected.

Last September, Shenzhen Administration for Industry and Commerce sentenced Sunwoods to a fine of 200 thousand yuan on the ground that the company had issued fake publicity and misled consumers, violating China's "Unfair Competition Law". Yet Sunwoods were not found to have any quality problems.

After its due punishment,

Sunwoods products returned to the shelves in Beijing's major stores.

Haidian Court considered that media reports and customers' judgment did not amount to evidence. As Sunwoods's trademark was registered legitimately and the consumers had not sustained any losses, the court rejected the five claims.

Two consumers have lodged an appeal to Beijing People's High Court following the verdict.



# Burned by the Black Market

By Ivy Zhang

Shi Fenglan, a businesswoman in her fifties, thought she was onto another winner.

She was one of the first Chinese people to become rich through trading shares in Hainan and Shenzhen in 1994. But when she invested about two million yuan in a fake stock market run by Yongsheng Trading Company in 2000, she never got any of her money back.

Shi was one of the 151 victims in Lanzhou, Gansu Province, who were cheated out of around seven million yuan in total by Xu Jilan, the 47-year-old owner of Yongsheng.

Xu was sentenced to life imprisonment and deprived

of her political rights at Lanzhou Intermediate People's Court on Sunday morning after being found guilty of fraud. All her personal property has been confiscated. Her sister and assistant Xu Jifeng was sentenced to 13 years in prison and fined 200,000 yuan.

"Xu should have been caught and sentenced much earlier," Shi told *China Economic Times* prior to the hearing of Xu's case. Like thousands of other shareholders, Shi believed all the stock markets in China were run by the state and pretty safe. She never thought some exchanges might be fake.

The black security market

in Lanzhou can be dated back to 1996. By February 2001, there were more than 10 corporations like Yongsheng operating fake exchanges in Lanzhou, with thousands of investors.

On February 13, Gansu provincial government convened an emergency meeting to fight against the black security market. More than 100 suspects were caught and more than 10 black security markets were shut down. So far, four cases have been heard in court and another 11 cases are coming up.

**Xu's case is typical**

Xu Jilan, a high school graduate, started out as a street vendor, with a kiosk selling newspapers and books.

She got the idea to set up a securities trading company but she did not get approval for it from China Security Supervisory Commission, so Xu conducted the business illegally. She used two company names: Gansu Yongsheng Trading Corporation and Haitong Consulting Corporation.

Xu's company was registered in Lanzhou as engaging in the business of providing computer and consulting services as well as distribution of computers and spare parts. However, Xu and her sister Xu Jifeng were really running their black security market.

The sisters rented an office in the downtown area and purchased 40 computers. They hired staff to enter stock trading data into the computer system. But in fact, all the trading was conducted within the company's internal system.

When a client was coaxed by



Xu Jilan (left) and Xu Jifeng were sentenced in court for setting up an illegal black security market.

the agents to invest in Yongsheng, he would be given a bank account plus a bankcard without any receipt. Then Xu Jifeng would do the "transactions", falsifying buy-in and buy-out portfolios, charging settlement fees and filling in fake transaction forms.

Xu Jilan was accused of "enticing people by providing computers and favorable financing conditions, and cheating people by setting up a fake stock trading system".

Xu denied the accusation. "I

did not put investors' money into my pocket. I have been treated unjustly. I did not take one penny from investors," Xu Jilan told CCTV reporters at Lanzhou detention center.

But after Xu Jilan was caught in June 2001, about 2.5 million yuan was seized, plus nearly 20,000 US dollars and a Jetta car.

"In this case, Xu Jilan cheated people but she was also cheated herself," explained Zhang Xia, press officer from the court. "Xu earned more

than one million yuan as a vendor. She then traded in shares at Guotai, an official stock market, for two months. But she was cheated and lost her money. Then she began to cheat others in the same way."

Xu's case is typical but it is not the biggest one in Lanzhou. "There are also other cases. Many criminals have not been caught," said Zhang.

**Journalist digs up black market**

It was Wang Keqin, a senior journalist at *China Economic Times*, who exposed the black security markets in Lanzhou in early 2001. He was named China's Media Man of the Year in 2002.

On February 3, 2001, Wang's investigative story titled *Investors Robbed in Lanzhou Black Security Market* was published in *China Economic Times*. He was then a reporter at *Gansu Economic Daily*.

The story caused shock waves, both among investors and in stock markets around China. Following Wang's story, about 400 illegal security-trading institutions were closed in 26 cities including Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen.

The illegal transaction system did not originate in Lanzhou. It was imported from abroad and started in Shanghai and Guangdong in the early 1990s.

"The first black market owners in Lanzhou were those who used to cheat or who were cheated in Shanghai or Guangdong. They knew all about the tricks involved in setting up a fake exchange. Such markets have since sprung up all across the nation," said Wang.

During his three month investigation, Wang interviewed more than 100 investors who had been conned.

What prompted Wang to look into the black market were victims' visits.

"Some investors came to me at the end of October 2000. At that time, they had already approached local papers like *Lanzhou Morning Post* and *Lanzhou Evening News*. But after these newspapers published one or two short stories, they were suddenly hushed up. So the investors turned to me," said Wang.

New year's day in 2001 was an important day for Wang. On that day, eight or nine victims gathered in his office to tell him their stories.

One of them was named Yang Baolan. She was in her early thirties but more than half of her hair had turned gray.

Yang was robbed of about 80,000 yuan on the black market. The money was all her family had, as well as some money she had borrowed from relatives

and friends. She lived in terror and was scared to take phone calls. Her husband suspected her of having an affair with another man and her daughter needed money to go to school. She was desperate and on the edge of a breakdown.

"She kept crying. I asked her to drink some water and talk slowly," said Wang. "When I saw her crying, my heart ached. I felt very upset."

Wang was determined to dig up the story. "Why were there so many swindlers? Because the underworld society and corrupt officials supported them. These guys should be sent to the scaffold!" said Wang.

While he was investigating the story, Wang received many threatening phone calls and was followed on several occasions. Four policemen used to stay at his home to protect his family.

**What now?**

When stock markets were launched in the early '90s in Shenzhen and Shanghai, the state provided favorable policies to foster the emerging market.

Many people made a fortune and the media pumped out a lot of positive reports. This made people think anyone could become rich by trading shares.

Since the late '90s, laid off workers and low and medium income people began to resort to the stock market. Among the investors, "one third are laid off workers, one third are low and medium income employees and the other one third are small business owners," said Wang.

The reason why there were about a thousand victims in the Lanzhou black market case is that many of them were less educated, computer illiterate and knew little about share trading and China's security laws.

"Many people think the stock market can only be run by the state instead of individuals. In addition, the services offered by legal security services providers are often poor," *Beijing Daily* reported.

Xu's case has settled the legal nature of black stock markets as fraud.

"That agrees with what I said two years ago. But at that time, many leaders in the city and provincial governments said these markets just offered normal share trading services and were not illegal," said Wang.

Between 1996 and 2001, about 60 illegal security institutions opened in Lanzhou.

"Victims reported their cases to the police and local government. But many governmental departments were unresponsive towards the issue," said Wang.

Having dragged on for two years, the case has only begun to be heard in court and the end is not in sight.

# Panda Poachers Caught

By Chen Ying

Pandas may be among the world's most beloved and most threatened species, but that doesn't stop people hunting them and selling their fur for huge sums.

A shocking case recently exposed by the State Forestry Administration shows that the government still has a long way to go in its efforts to protect China's most endangered species from poachers.

The case happened in Sichuan Province, the main habitat for pandas. The victim was a one and a half year old panda bear. A price of 550,000 yuan was later agreed for its hide.

Yang Shicheng, a farmer from Baoxing County, Sichuan, had come across three pandas while he was hunting in the mountains during the winter of 1999. The two-adult pandas ran away but the baby panda was not quick enough so Yang shot it.

When Yang found the bullet hadn't killed the bear, he strangled it with some rope. He then skinned the animal, and took the fur home. He kept it for half a year until he met Gao Hebin again. Gao, a man from Lushan County, had once told Yang that his father Gao Hongwen wanted to buy a panda's fur.

So Gao Hongwen, who had been sent to jail in 1983 for selling fake panda skins, bargained with Yang and bought the precious pelt for a mere 2,000 yuan.

He then agreed to sell the fur to Gou Chengxue, another man from Lushan County, for 20 thousand yuan. Gou then wanted to sell the skin on to somebody else. It didn't take him long to find a customer. A three-member vending group — Li Dehua, Hou Yongpu and Cheng Guoyuan — were also in the market for panda fur. This time, Gou was asking for 50 thousand yuan.

Meanwhile, the police at Rongchang County Forest Police Station of Chongqing Municipality got wind of the bargain between Gou and the group last April. It took a while for their investiga-



**"The people working this kind of black market talk in huge sums but they don't actually collect any money until a final price is agreed," said Tang Jun, director of the Rongchang County Forest Police Station.**

tion to get off the ground because Lushan County was eight hundred kilometers away.

Gou Chengxue still had the fur as no money had yet changed hands between any of the vendors.

"The people working this kind of black market talk in huge sums but they don't actually collect any money until a final price is agreed. They can only get their cut at the end when a collector pays the full sum. That's why Gou still kept hold of the fur after agreeing to sell it to the group," said Tang Jun, director of the Rongchang County Forest Police Station.

The police needed to confiscate the fur as the main evidence for their case. So two of the station's cops went undercover. They contacted the group and pretended to be middlemen for a collector.

The group eventually agreed to sell the skin to the policemen; they said they were representing a collector in Chongqing who would pay 550,000 yuan.

In order to speed up the transaction, Gou took the fur with the group and went to Chongqing on November 26 last year. The Rongchang police then arrested the criminals at a toll station near Chongqing on the highway from Chengdu to Chongqing.

All the men involved in the case have been arrested except Gao Hebin, who fled after hearing of his father's arrest. "The local court will announce the judgment in one month," said Tang.

The story was reported during the "Spring Thunder Action", which was launched by the State Forestry Administration. The administration called for a nationwide effort to combat illegal selling and hunting of animals from April 10 to 20, because this time of year is the peak reproduction and migration period for wildlife.

The State Forestry Administration has been increasing its efforts to protect wildlife recently. A number of actions have been taken to thwart poachers (see below).

But cases of people killing endangered species are still occurring. According to the State Forestry Administration, there were more than 7,000 cases of illegal killing of animals last year.

Also, more than 1.4 million animals — some dead, some live, waiting to be sold to restaurants — were confiscated from poachers; about 56,000 of these were protected species.

## •Wildlife in China

China has abundant natural wildlife. There are more than 6,300 kinds of vertebrate animals in China, 10 percent of all the world's vertebrate species. Many protected species, including pandas, can only be found in China.

The animals include the panda, golden monkey, Thorold's Deer, and Sichuan Takin; birds such as crested ibis, Cabot's Tragopan, brown-eared pheasant, golden pheasant, black-necked crane and Hwa-mei. There are also rare amphibians such as the Chinese giant salamander, Chinese alligator and Chinese crocodile lizard.

## •Wildlife Protection Actions

□1999 **Regions:** Qinghai, Tibet, and Xinjiang

Seventeen hunting groups and 66 robbers arrested. Confiscation of 1658 pieces of Tibetan antelope skin, 545 heads of Tibetan antelopes, 28 yak heads, four pieces of yak fur, 14 guns and 12,000 bullets.

□2000 **Regions:** Yunnan, Guangdong, Guangxi and Fujian

Detection of 264 cases involving destruction of wildlife resources, cleaning up 8370 illegal markets, confiscation of more than 40,000 animals and 1,652 pieces of animal skin.

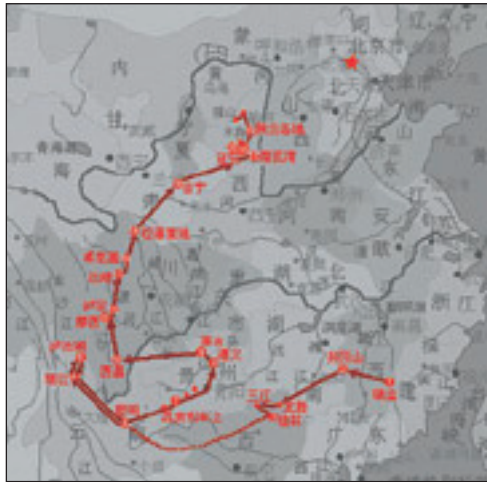
□2001 **Regions:** Large and medium-size cities nationwide.

Raids on more than 27,000 restaurants and hotels and more than 6,000 illegal markets. Detection of 4,147 cases. Confiscation of more than 620,000 live animals.

□2002 **Regions:** The east migratory routes for birds — through Beijing, Liaoning, Hebei, Shandong, Henan, Anhui, Jiangsu, Shanghai, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Fujian and Guangdong.

Raids on 16,835 restaurants and hotels and 3,374 markets. Detection of 52 cases and confiscation of more than 100,000 living birds.





Lu Jie outside his  
Beijing office  
Photo by Wang Wei



# Art on the March

By Iris Miao

What can you do with 1.6 million yuan? Several years ago Lu Jie decided to put his life savings into building an international dialogue platform for modern art. And what he chose as the basis for this was the Long March.

"The Long March is one of the few words which western people instinctively connect with China," explains 39-year-old Lu Jie, who first came up with the project in 1999 when he was studying to be an art curator at Goldsmith College, London University. Lu says that almost all the details of the plan — which he called Long March: A Walking Visual Display in Detail — came to him overnight. The outlines, the themes, the 20 stops along the road were all part of Lu's original proposal. The main change was the number of artists who wanted to participate. Lu later found out that a lot of people liked his idea, even if the initial response wasn't so promising. When he mentioned his idea to his classmates, some were shocked. "An Italian classmate of mine, who was a member of the Italian Communist Party, was most disturbed," Lu Jie said. "He accused me of revisionism."



American artist Judy Chicago (left) and her husband Danald Woodman (middle) at Lugu hu.



The Long Marchers



Talking with artists in Xichang Satellite Launching Center



Lu Jie having a meeting with the female artists gathered at Lugu hu.



Lu Jie (left), executive vice curator Qiu Zhijie (right) on the Luding Bridge.

Photos provided by the Long March Foundation

## That's far enough

Lu wanted for modern art in China to break out of its shell and be recognized by more people. Following the original red army template of both spreading the word and receiving support along the way, Lu intended for his traveling band of artists to give and receive as they followed the way. They would give demonstrations of modern art along the route, inviting local artists to participate, and take whatever feedback they received to develop new works. After returning, through demonstrations, seminars and discussions, they intended to present a new view of the state of art in China, principally traditional and classic art forms, realism, folk art and contemporary experimentalism.

They started on July 1 last year in Rijin, Jiangxi. One of the places they came to along the way was Lugu hu where they invited female artists to display their works. Unfortunately, the march didn't turn out to be quite as long as expected. The artists called time out after two months at Luding, Sichuan, having covered only 12 of the planned 20 stops.

Lu Jie says that as well as the problem of weariness spreading among his "army" of artists, many of them also felt that they had achieved most of their objectives. So they quit when they got to

Dadu River. Lu, however, was not satisfied and determined to return and continue his quest after a break in Beijing. "We have to have the courage to question whether we've achieved anything," he says. "Then we must have the courage to resume walking, with clearer criteria and a better plan."

## A family's Long March

The long affair between Lu Jie and his wife Shen Meng is regarded as a classic Long March story by their friends. The two first fell in love in 1984 when they were both students at the China Academy of Art in Hangzhou. Their paths separated when Lu married a British girl and Shen married an American man. Twelve years later, the two met again in New York. Shen Meng was divorced with a two-year-old son, and Lu had long since separated from his wife. They fell madly in love again. Lu Jie had been granted a green card by the American government having been recognized as an outstanding talent so the two settled in New York. Shen Meng was full of support for Lu Jie's idea.

Four years ago, the Long March project consisted of two personnel: Lu Jie and one photographer, who would go on scouting trips along the route of the Long March to prepare for the expedition. By the time the march began, the number of



Qiu Zhijie writes the Chinese characters for Long March with a torchlight.

artists involved was more than 100. The scale of the project was far greater than Lu Jie had anticipated.

He told his wife they would finish the project in four months. "When we quit prematurely two months later, she asked me 'will this ever end?'" Lu Jie is still determined to continue his project, but he says that Shen Meng also remains a supporter. One of the pressures is money, even though 1.6 million yuan is no small amount. The emotional toll is also considerable. Lu Jie has to spend a lot of time apart from his wife and his newborn daughter.

## Spreading the message

Once the project was launched, numerous questions were raised. The Long March is a fairly loaded concept in China and Lu had to face several regular questions: what has the Long March got to do with art? Are you not just using the Long

March for publicity?

Lu never balks at such communication. It's how he's won over a lot of his supporters. He will talk to anybody who is interested in the project. "Communication always produces feedback," he says.

Lu Jie asked the staff in his office in the 798 art community in north east Beijing to preach the Long March concept and its spiritual connotations to everyone they knew. "A lot of them thought I was nuts, too pedantic. Some of them refused to 'spread the word' like that," Lu says. But he has succeeded in fostering a lot of enthusiasm. "My vice art director, a young American named Philip Tinari, went to Tsinghua University to deliver a speech. I was in the audience that day, and he did a perfect job."

Lu Jie also recruited Yang Jie, who volunteered via email to join the Long March project as an administrative and

accounting assistant. Yang Jie used to be a TV anchorwoman, a TV program producer and a columnist on the web, but she had never had any close relationship with contemporary art. But, Lu Jie says, "she was converted into an art lover, and finally an art addict. Her interaction with us was very interesting, and her Long March journal was the most popular link on our website."

## The long and winding march

Lu Jie says that art is an ambiguous concept, and one which he is tackling in his own way. He believes that the Long March is part of Chinese heritage and everyone can identify with its spirit of dedication.

Indeed, it's turning from a project into a way of life for Lu. He has to spend long periods away from his family, and funds are running low.

However, not for a minute has he thought about giving up. "I take the difficulty of the project as a trial, of art, of life, and of marriage," he says. And he's got no problem with running out of money. When the funds are used up, Lu says, his circle will widen through the need to find new investment. "I'm looking forward to the participation of more people, hoping that we can continually improve this project."



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# Making *Cats* Cool

By Yu Shanshan

Broadway's biggest hit ever is coming to Beijing, and not even SARS can stand in the way. Gao Qi, general manager of Cultural Entertainment Co. under the China Performing Arts Agency (CPAA), confirmed last week that the musical *Cats* will hit the stage for the first show in its Beijing run at the Tianqiao Theater on May 20.

Public response so far has been unprecedented. As of April 18, tickets to the first 16 of the 72 shows to be held in the capital were sold out.

In Beijing and in Shanghai, where the show is currently running, promoters have been pitching *Cats* as not just a musical, but a cultural, fashionable event.

According to Qian Shijin, vice president of the Shanghai Grand Theater, where *Cats* is being staged, "Have you seen *Cats*?" has become a trendy greeting among Shanghaiers. Vendors are selling bags printed with images from the show and other cats, and some big fans are even going permanent with feline tattoos. The show's central song, *Memory*, is being taught in schools, fans are organizing get-togethers and Shanghai TV hosted a singing contest revolving around songs from *Cats*.

The show debuted at the Shanghai Grand Theater on March 28 and will be performed there 53 times by May 11. By the end of its first week, all tickets to the first 27 shows were sold out and sales for

the last 16 shows were going strong.

The Beijing promoters of *Cats* are hoping to do even better in this city. "Only if it conquers Beijing can we say that *Cats* was truly successful in China," said Cao Wei, marketing director of the CPAA.

On the evening of April 15, Tianqiao Theater hosted some promotional activities for *Cats*, topped off by the opening of spotlights on a massive *Cats* banner covering its facade. Construction of the elaborate stage that will be used for the show was completed a few days before.

In promoting the show, the CPAA is pitching *Cats* not only as a fashionable ticket for the public, but also for sponsors. Promotions around town have featured cat-inspired merchandise and the concept of "living like a cat", with images of cats showing up on cars, short messages, clothes and food containers.

Despite the cancellation of many other plays and performances in the capital this Spring, Cao is optimistic about the May kick off of *Cats* in Beijing. "The fewer shows there are in the market, the bigger our box office results will be," he said.

However, holding 72 shows in Beijing will definitely prove a serious challenge for the CPAA, in part because no one has ever tried to put together such a run before. CPAA General Manager Zhang Yu said the organization will be satisfied if they are able to recoup their initial investment of \$2.5 million to host the shows.

By Jacqueline Yu

The interior of the CourtYard Gallery is currently filled with sculptures depicting interiors in the show "Apartment Block Life", a small exhibition of the four latest works of Chinese-born German artist Wang Shugang.

Compartmentalized lives are clearly represented in *Apartment Block* — a

series of bamboo cages, with a red plaster figure in a lively pose inside each. The cages are surprisingly, even disturbingly, reminiscent of the iron grills that adorn the windows of most Chinese apartments.

The birdcage installation pieces stand in the center of the space, with life-sized outlines of human figures formed from neon covering two of the surrounding walls. Wang named the figures on one wall, white-collar types that are standing in applause, *Clappers*, while across from them are the *Squatters*, workers hunched in a line, posed as if groveling to the figures before them.

According to the artist, the use of

neon is meant as a satire of the "beautification" campaigns in Chinese cities that create illusions of urban prosperity.

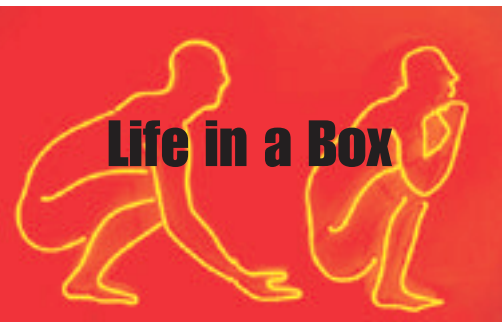
After graduating from the Sculpture Department of the Central Academy of Fine Arts, Wang immigrated to Germany in 1989, where he works as a full-time artist. Others of his works, in bronze, wood and fiberglass, have been shown

in Switzerland and Germany and were included in the 2001 Chengdu Biennial, a major cultural event in Sichuan Province. Today, he works in both Germany and China.

"The theme of

this exhibition is an interior cityscape that encompasses not only the urban terrain of contemporary life, but also the psychological spaces and forms of power that citizens must navigate in performing everyday tasks," said Meg Maggio, art director of the gallery.

**When:** Until May 5, Monday to Saturday, 11 am - 7 pm, Sunday, noon - 7 pm. **Where:** The CourtYard Gallery, 95 Donghuamen Dajie **Tel:** 6526 8882



*Squatters (detail)*



Photo by Lu Beifeng

## Getting Guidance for Hitting the Trails

By Jacqueline Yu

Trail trekkers in this country are scrambling to get their hands on copies of *A Tour Guide For Hikers in China* (397 pages, 48 yuan), a book in the Readroad series published by Shaanxi Normal University Publishing House in January.

Though a few similar books have come out in the past, this one stands out with its excellent design and smart editing. It offers beautiful pictures and well-drawn illustrations, but its best sections are clear descriptions of 25 major hikes and 30 smaller ventures nationwide that were selected by a group of over 20 experienced hikers.

The editors of the Readroad series have given careful thought to what kind of information hikers serious and casual will need, including sections on weather, geography and geology.

The resulting work is more than a tour book — it is an encyclopedic hiking guide, which contains tour schedules, route choices as well as well-written descriptions and historical anecdotes about each location. "Just imagining going to the places described in the book is thrilling to me," said Chen Jing, a graduate student at Renmin University and avid hiker.

The recent strong sales of this and other recent touring books seem to indicate that people are ready to take off the yellow caps of organized tour groups and get out and hit the trails on their own. But, according to Wan Xia, creator of the Readroad series, the popularity of the books could have one unfortunate side effect. "I hope these places will not become overcrowded within a few years because of our books," he said.

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# Two Views of an Old Tragedy

By Dong Nan

A classic tragedy *Zhaoshi Guer* (The Orphan) is being staged by two renowned directors this year — The People's Art Theatre's Lin Zhaohua and The National Theatre's Tian Qinxin.

The original script of the drama was written in the 14th century by Ji Juxiang, during the Yuan Dynasty. It is a story of revenge and palace revolution involving two generations set during the Warring States Period, more than 2,000 years ago. Like *Medea* and *Hamlet*, it is an immortal piece about vengeance, choice and humanity.

Lin Zhaohua's version puts the ancient story in a modern setting. "The play doesn't try to give a moral judgment. I just put a certain choice before each character in certain circumstances," Lin said in an interview with *Beijing Youth Daily*.

"Lin always pursues new things. To meet him is the luckiest thing in my career," says Pu Chunxin, who plays the hero Tu Angu.

Tian Qinxin's production, on the other hand, is more classical. "In *Zhaoshi Guer*, I try to simulate an ancient society, which is depressed and disordered," said Tian.

Lin Zhaohua's version was staged at the People's Art Theatre last week. Tian's will be performed this Autumn.



Pu Cunxin and Li Shilong in *Zhaoshi Guer*

Photo by Lu Beifeng

# Second "Ring" Installment Opens



By Nebula Dong

Four months after its international premiere, Beijing's Tolkein fans finally have their chance to see the second film in *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* on the big screen. *The Two Towers* picks up where *The Fellowship of the Ring* left off. Hobbit heroes Frodo and Sam have set off alone for the land of Mordor in an attempt to destroy Sauron's ring, while Aragorn, Legolas the elf and Gimli the dwarf have taken a detour to rescue the two other hobbits, Pippin and Merry, who have been abducted by orcs.

The wizard Gandalf makes a miraculous return to aid the forces of good in the war against the evil Saruman and even eviler Sauron, in their respective two towers.

Director Peter Jackson has not held back with the special effects, which, along with the several thousands of extras enlisted for the battle scenes, make the three-hour epic well worth the price of admission price.

And although the original story had to be bent a little to create the semblance of a love interest, the tall, dark and oh-

so-handsome Aragorn (Vigo Mortenson), together with the ridiculously cute (pointy ears and all) Legolas (Orlando Bloom) effortlessly fulfill the male eye-candy quotient.

# Veteran Rock 'n' Roller Releases New Album

By Dong Nan

After three years laying low, Dou Wei, released a new album, *Yi Ju and Liang De* last Tuesday. The album is Dou's fifth solo work, and follows 1999' *Hallucination*.

Hailed as one of the "Three Heroes" of the Chinese rock scene in the mid-1990s, along with Zhang Chu and He Yong, Dou is the only one of the three still in the business.

The new album combines jazz with a more experimental sound, which Dou refuses to categorize as rock and roll. "Rock 'n' Roll has a certain background, but I'm trying to give it up," he told *Southern City*.

The former lead singer of rock band Hei Bao (Black Panther), Dou is well known for his powerfull vocal style, however he spends more time playing the drums than singing on *Yi Ju and Liang De*. "Early in 2000, I began to lean towards instrumental music, as opposed to songs," he says.



Dou Wei

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Jim Carrey

# Actor Jim Carrey, Ex-Wife Agree on Child Support

Jim Carrey has resolved a dispute over child support with his ex-wife, who claimed in court that their 15-year-old daughter could no longer get by on \$10,000 a month, a spokesman for the actor said on Tuesday.

Carrey's spokesman confirmed that the 41-year-old "Dumb and Dumber" star had reached an agreement with former wife Melissa Carrey, but declined to reveal the terms of that deal.

In court papers filed in Los Angeles earlier this month, Melissa Carrey said that \$10,000 a month "is not sufficient" to meet the needs of her 15-year-old daughter Jane, who wants to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. (Reuters)



Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones

# Catherine Zeta-Jones Gives Birth to Daughter

Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones has given birth to a daughter, her second child with her husband, actor Michael Douglas, publicists for the couple said on Monday.

Carys Zeta Douglas was born at 4:50 am EST on Sunday at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, New Jersey, the publicists said.

Zeta-Jones last month won a best supporting actress Oscar for her role as a homicidal hoover in *Chicago*. She and Douglas also have a 2-year-old son, Dylan Michael Douglas. (Reuters)

# MTV Plans Version of 'Wuthering Heights'

First, MTV updated *Car-men*. Now, the cable music channel is offering a modern

take on *Wuthering Heights*.

Erika Christensen, who played a high school stalker in last year's *Swimfan* and a drug-addicted teen in 2000's *Traffic*, will star as Cate in a musical version of the Emily Bronte novel. (Reuters)



Erika Christensen

# Concert Lets Survivors Remember, Heal

Survivors of a deadly nightclub fire two months ago reunited at another Rhode Island rock concert Tuesday, not only to listen to music, but to remember and to heal.

The concert was to raise money for families of victims and survivors of the Feburary 20 West Warwick fire, which was touched off by pyrotechnics moments after the hard-rock band Great White kicked off its show.

Ninety-nine people were killed and nearly 200 were injured in The Station nightclub. (Reuters)



Andrew Douglas, one of the performers at the benefit

# Madonna Releases New Album Amid Brutal Reviews

Madonna's latest album, *American Life*, hit stores on Tuesday and left critics asking if the Material Girl, after 20 years atop the musical heap, had lost her touch as pop's most successful chameleon.

As with all of the singer's offerings, her latest opus has come with its fair share of controversy aimed at stoking the public's interest before the album's release, her first in almost three years. (Reuters)

# A Classical Night Out

By Dong Nan

The China Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Zhang Guoyong, gave a concert at Beijing Poly Theatre last Saturday.

The program included Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor and Mahler's Symphony No. 4 in G major.

Twenty-four year old pianist Chen Sa, Fourth Prize winner at the 14th International Chopin Piano Competition, won enthusiastic applause, displaying both technical mastery and a profound understanding of the difficult piece.

Soprano Rao Lan's solo in the fourth movement of Mahler's symphony was also a highlight.



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It's not without reason that there are millions more bikes than cars in this city - the flat, congested streets of Beijing mean that biking can be an easier, faster and more reliable way to get around.

While the big iron bombers of years past are still the most common, and arguably comfortable, bikes on the roads, cycles have become a fashion item of their own, with kids rushing to get the latest cool ride with fancy gadgets and a flashy paint job. Below, we have provided some information on how to get that right bike in this city, whether it is a 1950's model Flying Pigeon or a cutting-edge racing machine.

## Where Have All the Old Bikes Gone?

By Lisa Huang

At one time, China had its own big three — of bikes that is. Fenghuang (Phoenix), Feige (Flying Pigeon) and Yongjiu (Forever) dominated the market with tried-and-true models of simple bikes perfect for cruising the flat streets of Beijing or hauling the harvest in the countryside. These days, kids' dreams of a Flying Pigeon have changed to visions of radical mountain bikes with suspensions and better brakes than those on most taxicabs. What has happened to the old big three?

The brands are definitely still around, and, for better or worse, their bikes' looks have changed very little in the past ten or more years. Black remains the dominant color among men's bikes and red for women's. Most of their bikes still have just one speed, though Flying Pigeon has introduced a line of simple mountain bikes.

The main buyers of big three bikes are middle-aged people. When asked why he chose a Yongjiu bicycle, one customer told *Beijing Today*, "Some people may feel their styles and colors are out of date, but I think they are proper for people who aren't so young anymore. Plus old-style bikes don't stand out and their prices are reasonable, only around 300 yuan, so I don't have to worry too much about it being stolen."



New style Yongjiu bikes, around 300 yuan each Photos by Cui Hao



# Ride a Bike!

## Reinventing the Wheel

By Lisa Huang

The Taiwan-based bicycle maker Giant has lived up to its name in the Chinese mainland, grabbing a one-third share of market. The manager of Beijing's first and biggest Giant specialty store told *Beijing Today*, "unlike some older brands, every season Giant puts new products on the market, which is one of the major factors behind our success."

The company makes four basic types of bikes, mountain, racing, BMX and single-speed. One of its new products is the OCR-7 (4,980 yuan), a canary yellow racing bicycle with a frame made of an ultra-light aluminum alloy and an advanced 27-gear shift system. The bike's wheel frames are double-layered, rendering them safer and stronger.

This year's product line also includes the UCAN-1 (1,498 yuan) mountain bike. It comes equipped with two shock absorbers, ensuring a smooth, comfortable ride over mountain trails or city potholes.

Though the prices of Giant bikes are relatively high compared to old mainland brands, the cycles do feature a wide range of colors and cool styles. Additionally, if something goes wrong with a Giant, repairs are easy to arrange at any one of the 20 Giant stores in Beijing.



Bike heads can even create dash boards with speed, distance and other displays

Merida, another Taiwanese brand, entered the mainland market in 1991. The company's factory also produces frames for the American brand Specialized. Like other newer brands, Merida offers a range of products, most priced from 400 to 800 yuan.

The Beijing company Ore started business in 1996. Wang Tong, the owner of the Ore store, said the company's products are not targeted at professional riders, but common people. Ore's concept is to promote bike sports and its prices are aimed at giving people reasonable quality cycles. Its cross-country 8.8 bicycle goes for 1,398 yuan, the Trial 9.1 mountain bike for 1,450 yuan, while racing bikes cost around 2,000 yuan.

In these three brands' specialty stores, varied of necessary bicycle equipment are also available, such as helmets (300-1,000 yuan), clothes (500-1,000 yuan), gloves (100-300 yuan) and shoes (900-1,600 yuan).

### Some local bike shops:

#### Giant specialty shop:

Fully assembled mountain bikes go for 700 to 20,000 yuan, with racing bikes priced at 798 to 20,000 yuan, and single-speed bikes priced about 500 yuan.

Where: 77, Jiaodaokou Dongdajie, Dongcheng Tel: 6403 4537

#### Beijing Hanglun Bike club:

Sells high-end mountain and racing bikes (with top items going for around 10,000 yuan) and titanium alloy parts, all bearing the club's brand.

Where: Laoshan Xijie, Shijingshan Tel: 6883 7229

#### Ore bike shop:

Sells mountain and racing bikes from two makers, Ore and Merida.

Where: Jia 18, Fuxinglu, Haidian; east gate of Workers' Stadium Tel: 6395 7778, 6395 3687

#### Merida bike shop:

Mountain bikes (598-20,000 yuan), racing bikes (648-20,000 yuan) and single-speed cruisers (300-500 yuan)

Where: 18, Fuwaidajie, Xicheng Tel: 6801 6789

#### Zhonghua bike shop:

Forever (Yongjiu) bikes (378 yuan), Merida and Ameni brand mountain and single-speed bikes (400-10,000 yuan)

Where: 91, Xisi Beidajie, Xicheng Tel: 6617 1127

## Customized Cycles

By Salinda

Among teens these days, bikes are all the rage. High school social status seems to be in part decided by the "coolness" of one's two-wheeled ride. For kids looking to carve out some turf in bike parking areas, and hard-core fans looking to put on some serious mileage, the best way to go in buying a bike may be to have one put together. Most bicycle stores around town stock a variety of parts, allowing discerning customers to put together bikes that look great, ride perfectly, stop on a dime, and have that special something that factory models cannot offer.

Like the skeleton in a body, the frame of a bicycle is its basic part, on which everything else is assembled. Frame quality has a direct impact on the comfort, stability and flexibility of a bike, and therefore needs to be the first consideration when putting together a custom job. Frame materials range from basic iron and steel to lighter aluminum and cutting-edge titanium and carbon fiber, which offer the best strength-to-weight ratios, but can come at a hefty cost.

Giant has released a new carbon frame this year, the TCR, which combines top stability and agility with an attractive design, probably the reason it is the chosen frame of Spain's ONCE racing team. This high-tech racing frame is available at Giant specialty shops around town, and sells for 3,500 to 4,500 yuan, depending on size and success in haggling.

The same company also makes some outstanding mountain bike frames, such as the MCM frame, which is made of carbon fiber and costs 5,500 yuan, or the XTCTM, made of an aluminum alloy and priced at 2,500 yuan. Customers can set their sights even higher with titanium frames, which offer superior strength and longevity. Beijing Hanglun Bike Club offers a range of titanium frames priced at 3,000-10,000 yuan. Simpler iron, steel and aluminum frames are

easy to find in shops citywide.

Once the frame is set, it's time to think hardware, like gears, shifters, derailleurs and brakes. When forking out for a custom bike, why not go for the best, and among gears, the best belong to Japan-based maker Shimano. The Ore bike shop offers six kinds of Shimano sets of chains and flywheels, which range in price from 100 to 10,000 yuan. The cheapest choice is produced in China, while the highest, the Dura 7701, a new release for this year, is imported

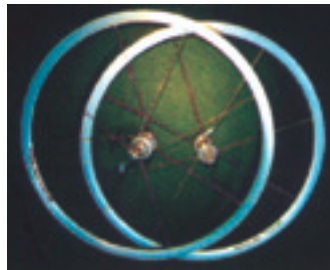
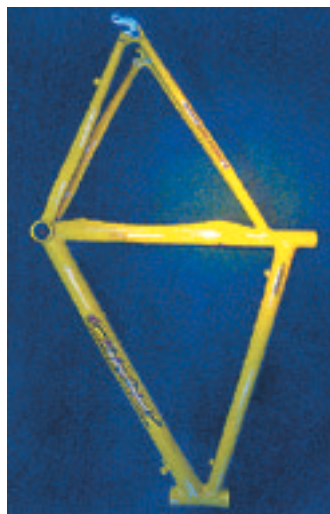
from Japan, part of the reason behind its staggering price tag.

Next on the list is the shifting device, which is not used to increase speed, but to reduce or increase the legs' work load. Again, the Ore store offers a good variety, from the 700-yuan, 27-speed Shimano M960 set to the 20-yuan, 18-or-21-speed Shimano TJ30, which happens to be manufactured in Jiangsu Province. Shifters run a little more expensive in Giant chain chops, where they range from the 128-yuan, 21-speed IRCE to the 1,772-yuan, 27-speed XTR.

Last but definitely not least in a custom bike are the brakes. Bike breaks are divided into two major kinds, the traditional caliper and new cantilever styles, with the most recent versions offer stopping power that would

make most sports cars blush. Either way, top brakes do not come too cheap, with Ore cantilevers' ranging from 300 to 2,800 yuan and calipers going for around 1,000 yuan. Giant cantilevers average around 1,500 yuan per set, with the high-grade XT going for 3,000 yuan and the XTR for 6,000 yuan.

For most customers, choosing parts is the hardest part of putting together a personalized bicycle. When it comes to actual assembly, in most cases it is best to leave it to the professionals at bike shops. After a couple days and an added fee, that customized, specialized ride will finally be ready for wowing friends and tearing up the road.



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Braised turtle with crab, rose and lily (fugui bawangxie)

# Don't Smell the Flowers, Eat Them!

By James Liu

Why just leave flowers for viewing and smelling, when you can eat them in dishes that smell and look tantalizing and taste great? Flower eating is a tradition in China that can be traced back as far as the Tang Dynasty, when Empress Wu Zetian held a flower-based banquet in the ninth century.

Above their obvious qualities, many flowers have herb-like functions that can be beneficial to the body. Chinese tea roses are believed to nourish the skin, while chrysanthemum tea can rid the body of excessive internal heat.

Restaurants up to the task of providing top-notch flower dishes are few. Below are two eateries ideal for budding flower eaters to take a taste.

#### Huazhuanyuan Restaurant

Wu Mengru, owner of this restaurant and a huge flower fan, currently also runs a bio-tech company that focuses on flower products such as honey, syrups and flower wine.

Since spring just recently arrived, only Chinese roses, lilies, dried jasmine and chrysanthemums are being cooked up by the kitchen right now. "As time goes by, we will have about 20 kinds of flowers that go into dishes," restaurant manager Sun Yueyun told *Beijing Today*.

The restaurant's signature dish is duck roasted with Chi-



Chrysanthemum meatballs (juhua rouqiu, 28 yuan)

nese rose (*meigui kaoya*) that goes for 68 yuan per set, which includes pancakes, shredded cucumber and scallion, *tianmianjiang* (duck sauce), pepper sauce, roses and chrysanthemum and one large bowl of duck soup. The duck is first soaked in water steeped in fresh roses and then basted with rose syrup before being roasted to crisp perfection. The resulting bird is redolent of rose and tasty but not greasy.

Another rose-infused dish on the menu is quick fried banana balls with rose (*meigui xiangjiao qiu*, 18 yuan), which taste sweet and look nice. The kitchen also puts flowers in staple foods, such as steamed pork dumplings with chrysanthemum (*juhua roush-omai*), which go for 8 yuan for a

plate of eight. Roses even turn up in the drink list, in the form of rose wine and osmanthus-flower wine, priced at 20 yuan per bottle.

The restaurant management has responded to the SARS crisis by providing a basin of anti-septic water for diners to wash their hands. "Providing customers a safe dining environment is more important than our profits," said Sun. Chinese menu only.

**Add:** 44 Huayuan Beilu, Haidian **Open:** 24 hours a day **Tel:** 6235 7169 **Average cost:** 30 yuan per person  
**Royal Palace at Taiwan Hotel**

Royal Palace (Nishang Gong) is one of the two Chinese restaurants in the Taiwan Hotel that feature Huaiyang cuisine, from the area between Jiangsu and Anhui Provinces. Since April 15, the kitchen has been cooking up 12 flower dishes, and will continue to until May 31. These special dishes are made with chrysanthemum, rose, lily, Chinese flowering crab-apple, lilac, and several other kinds of flowers with tasty and creative results.



Fried celery with lily bulbs (xiqin baihe, 25 yuan)

The flower dishes range in price from 28 yuan to 280 yuan. The least expensive is beef steak stewed with day lily and cauliflower (*shuanghua niuliu*), just 28 yuan but large enough to feed two. Far more expensive is braised shark fin with chrysanthemum (*juhua yuchi*), which goes for 158 yuan, but that still is cheaper than shark fin at many other hotel restaurants. The top of the price range is held by braised turtle with crab, rose and lily (*fugui bawangxie*), which costs 280 yuan.

The restaurant also provides water steeped in Chinese medicine free to customers to prevent SARS.

**Add:** First floor, Taiwan Hotel, 5 Jinyu Hutong, Wangfujing

Street, Dongcheng **Open:** 11 am - 2 pm, 5-9 pm **Tel:** 6513 6688 **Average cost:** 90 yuan per person and up

#### Make Your Own Flower Porridge

##### Gardenia Porridge

Take two gardenia, pull off the petals and wash them clean. Then boil the petals in water until the soup get thick. Then boil 100 grams rice and add the gardenia soup and three tablespoons honey to the rice porridge before serving. This porridge is good for treating coughing, asthma or lack of appetite.

##### Peach Flower Porridge

Take five dried peach flowers and smash them. Boil 100 grams rice and add the smashed flowers and three tablespoons honey before serving. This concoction is believed to speed blood circulation and ease constipation.

##### Chinese Rose Porridge

Take the petals off three Chinese roses and wash them. Boil 100 grams rice with brown sugar. Then add the petals and cook for two minutes. The porridge is an effective pain reliever.

##### Water Lily Porridge

Clean 10 to 15 grams of dried water lily petals. Boil 100 grams of rice until soupy, then add petals when rice is cooked. Heat porridge two minutes before serving. This porridge is supposed to help women maintain their beauty, black hair and slim figures.

#### Food Cure

## Anti-SARS Food Tips

By James Liu

The only 100 percent sure way to avoid SARS infection is to avoid infected individuals and areas. Of course, there is no practical way to do so. So, the best idea may be to boost one's immune system during this critical period, because it can both stave off the virus and minimize possible harm. Here are some suggestions for how to strengthen immune function through simple dietary discipline:

I. Eat plenty of foods rich in carbohydrates, such as rice and bread, because carbohydrates are the primary energy source for immune cells.

II. Stock up on antioxidants, chemicals capable of directly strengthening the immune system. Drink plenty of green tea everyday because it contains large amounts of the antioxidant flavonoid. Also eat lots of tomatoes, broccoli or fruits and vegetables of red and dark green color.

III. Take vitamin E supplements. Vitamin E is a major building block for the cells of the immune system.

IV. Also take 1000 milligrams of vitamin C supplements every day. A substitute for the pills is eating two pieces of citrus fruit, such as oranges, each day.

V. If possible, eat mushrooms of any variety or other edible fungus such as *muer* (wood ear mushrooms) everyday. Drink a cup of yogurt or a bowl of chicken soup daily.

#### Cooking Chinese at Home



## Tea Eggs (Cha Jidan)

By Wesley Lei

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 3 hours  
Ready in: 11 hours 20 minutes

**Ingredients:** 8 eggs; 1 tsp salt; 3 cups water; 1 tbsp regular soy sauce; 1 tbsp dark soy sauce; 1/4 tsp salt; 2 tbsp black tea leaves; 2 pods star anise; 1 (2 inch) piece cinnamon stick; 1 tbsp fresh tangerine zest

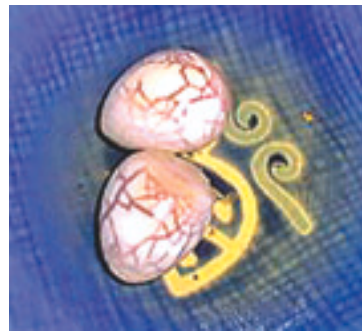
#### Procedure:

1. In a saucepan, combine eggs and one teaspoon salt; cover with cold water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat, drain, and cool. When cool, tap eggs with the back of a spoon to crack shells (do not remove shells).

2. Combine three cups water, soy sauces, salt, tea leaves, star anise, cinnamon stick, and tangerine zest in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, cover, and simmer for three hours. Remove from heat, add eggs, and let steep for at least eight hours.

#### Notes:

Eggs can steep up to one and one-half days for richer flavor. Store eggs unpeeled and tightly sealed in refrigerator. They will keep four to five days.



## Trying on Thai Food at Home

By Helen Hong

Now that May 1st trips to Thailand are a no-no, the best way to get one's Thai fix in this city is to enjoy some Thai food. There are many excellent Thai restaurants in this city, but Thai food is also fun to prepare at home.

According to Supachai Saisoigeon, executive chef at the Kerry Centre and Thai native, Thai cuisine is a marriage of eastern and western influences, in which seafood and tropical plants and herbs are major ingredients. Here, he offers *Beijing Today* readers the recipes for two Thai classics, easy to make in your own home – *tom yam kung* (spicy prawns soup with lemongrass) and *kaeng kiew warn gai* (green chicken curry).

#### Green Chicken Curry

**Ingredients:** 200 grams sliced chicken breast; 350 grams coconut milk; 40 grams green curry paste; 30 grams small eggplant, quartered; 5 grams kaffir lime leaves; 10 grams red chili,



Chef Saisoigeon at work

sliced; 20 grams fish sauce; 10 grams sugar; 20 grams sweet basil leaves.

**Method:** Fry the coconut milk

and green curry paste, stirring to mix, until fragrant. Add sliced chicken breast and eggplant, cook until tender and done; season with fish sauce and sugar. Sprinkle with red chili, kaffir leaves and sweet basil leaves. Serve immediately.

#### Tom Yam Kung

**Ingredients:** 5 medium prawns with tails; 50 grams straw mushroom; 350 grams shrimp or chicken stock; 20 grams sliced lemon grass; 20 grams sliced galangal (or ginger); 5 grams kaffir lime leaves; 20 grams lime juice; 15 grams fish sauce; 5 grams coriander leaves; 5 grams pounded bird eye chili.

**Optional:** 50 grams coconut milk; 15 grams dry chili paste

**Method:** Combine chicken or shrimp stock with lemon grass, galangal and kaffir lime leaves, bring to boil. Add prawns and straw mushrooms, cook until done. Season with fish sauce and lime juice. Sprinkle with coriander leaves and serve.

## Carburetor Bar

By James Liu

When this establishment opened in late 1999, it stood out with its car theme, but since then it has become much more. These days, opening the door to the two-story bar reveals a stage on the left, stacked with the high-end JBL sound equipment.

"The best rock bands in the city play here everyday," claimed manager Wang Jianjun. "But now, following our customers' wishes, we only rock out from Thursday to Saturday, and host lower-key or unplugged shows the other days. Of course, we have a high standard for the musicians that can play here."

The music, the equipment and the vibe are strong enough to draw such stars as Liu Huan, Na Ying and even visiting musicians from Hong Kong. Music industry mavens and songwriters also tend to congregate in the bar's booths.

Aside from the music, the bar offers the pleasures of an open-air beer garden, furnished with simple wood chairs and tables, small bridges and some nude



paintings. When it comes to the drinks, the bar offers 14 kinds of wine, a range of beer and dozens of cocktail choices.

Drink prices tend to be noticeably lower than those around Sanlitun, with large high ball glasses of "sex cold", a mixture of brandy, vodka and black currant syrup, or "fluffy", a concoction of brandy, vodka and a snowball, going for 30 yuan.

Shows start at 10 nightly and last two and a half hours, after which bands take customer requests. English menus are available and the bar offers more than 50 parking lots.

**Add:** West Gate of Olympic Stadium, 1 Anding Lu, Chaoyang **Open:** 12 - 3 am **Tel:** 6491 0228 **Average cost:** 60 yuan per person

Photo by Liang Zongqin



## Exhibitions

## Local Accent

Installations, photographs and paintings by 12 artists from Hong Kong.

**Where:** China Art Archives and Warehouse, Caochangdi Cun, Chaoyang **When:** till May 9, (except Monday), 1-6 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 8456 5152

## Art Exhibition

Over 50 paintings depicting the beauty of nature and changes in society.

**Where:** East Gallery, Deshengmen Watchtower, North Second Ring Road, Xicheng **When:** April 26 - May 9, 9 am - 5 pm (except Monday) **Admission:** free **Tel:** 8201 4962

## Renovation and Fashion

Li Mingzhu has an unusual but clear understanding of blue china, old furniture and souvenir badges of the 1970s. These items and other are the subject of his oil paintings, showing his love of culture past and present.

**Where:** Qin Gallery, Huaweili Enjoy Paradise-1E (north of Beijing Curio City) Chaoyang **When:** May 1-14, 9:30 am - 7 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 8779 0461



Repeated Hearts by Nina Haapaa, 2003

## Hysterical Universe

An exhibition held by the students of Beijing BISS International School. The works of students from different countries including Lesotho, Malawi, Korea and Finland.

**Where:** 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang **When:** April 25, 12 am - 8 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 8457 35

## China's Leading Contemporary Artists

Over 30 contemporary artists including Ai Xuan, Li Guijun, Cao Jingping, Yu Chen and Zhu Yiyong show their latest works.

**Where:** Schoeni Art Gallery, Tower B-904, SOHU New Town, 88 Jianguo Lu, Chaoyang **When:** till May 15, (Monday to Saturday) 10:30 am - 6:30 pm **Tel:** 8580 2141



Spring Li Xiaoke, 2001

## Taoism and Art

For thousands of years, Taoism has had a strong influence on artistic creation in China. This exhibition will feature art works

that embrace or oppose the philosophy.

**Where:** Creation Gallery, north end of Ritan Donglu **When:** April 26 - May 9, 10 am - 7 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 8561 7570



Painting by Zhao Rui, 2002

## Oil Painting Exhibition

Zhao Rui has painted oils for over 10 years with a simple, straight yet emotive style.

**Where:** Fa Fa Gallery, 2 Xiangjiang Beilu, Jingshun Lu, Quanfa Garden Clubhouse, Chaoyang **When:** May 1-15, 10 am - 9 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 8430 2587



Craft Brother by Zhang Yonghong

## A Transparent World

Zhang Yonghong, a graduate of the Folk Art Department of the Central Academy of Fine Arts, uses words to record her life and life style. Her works are natural and free, breaking through standards to offer transparent visions.

**Where:** Z&A space gallery 422-511, Wangjing Xiyuan, Chaoyang **When:** till May 11, 1-7 pm (except Monday) **Admission:** free **Tel:** 6471 1700



Painting by Xin Yi, 2002

## Group Exhibition

An exhibition of four creative Chinese artists: Feng Feng (acrylic on canvas), Zheng Xuewu (mixed media on paper), Lao Dao (mixed media on canvas) and Xin Yi (oil on canvas).

**Where:** Phoenix Artist Studio, Tower B-2806, Phoenix Town, A-5 Shuguang Xili, Chaoyang **When:** till April 30, 10 am - 5 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 8440 6991



Dream by Liu Fengye, 2002

## Hundred Artists Exhibition

Over 100 modern oil paintings by 100 artists from Songzhuang Village, Tong County, Shangyu-an. Featured artists include Liu Fengye, Yao Junzhong, Xiao Hong and Liu Chunyan.

**Where:** Continental Artist Gallery, Tulip Garden, Jinzhanxiang, Chaoyang **When:** till May 8, 9 am - 5 pm **Admission:** 10 yuan **Tel:** 8431 3204

## International Soldier

An exhibition about the life and times of Jack Rosenfeld, an Australian who came to China in World War II to fight in the War of Resistance Against Japan. Later he appointed Minister of Public Health of the First Column, the highest post ever held by a foreigner in the Chinese army.

**Where:** National Museum of Chinese History **When:** till May 12, 8:30-4:30 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 6512 8901

## Japanese Relics Exhibition

Over 100 historical relics from Japan will be exhibited for the first time.

**Where:** National Museum of Chinese History **When:** May 1 June 15, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 6512 8901



Mountain by Li Xiangcai, 2001

## Refined Works

Selected masterworks by more than 30 famous modern Chinese painters including Qi Baishi, Zhang Daqian, Lin Fengmian, Li Xiongcai, Wu Guanzhong and Song Wenzhi.

**Where:** Wanfung Gallery, 136 Nanchizi Dajie **When:** May 24 - June 16, 10 am - 6 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 6523 3320

## Movies



Gu Tianle (left) and Ying Cai'er (right)

## My Disappointed Boyfriend

Directed by Ma Chucheng, starring Gu Tianle and Ying Cai'er. Ding Ding meets A'dang and it's love at first sight. But later, when Ding Ding seeks out A'dang, things change unexpectedly... In Chinese.

**Where:** local cinemas **When:** till April 30

## No Comment

Directed by Park Sang-won, starring Shin Ha-kyung-Bang Eun-jin, Im Won-hee and Jung Jae-young. The movie tells four different stories that happen in four rooms of a hotel. Korean with Chinese subtitles.

**Where:** Fifth floor, Hyundai Millennium Tower, 38 Xiaoyunlu, Chaoyang **When:** May 9, 5:30 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 8453 8112

## From the Other Side of the Bridge (Fennide Weixiao)

Directed by Hu Jiu, starring Wang Zhiwen and Nina (Austria). Based on a true story this Sino-Austrian production depicts a legendary 60-year love story between an Austrian girl and an overseas Chinese student. English with Chinese subtitles.

**Where:** Cherry Lane Movies, 29 Liangmaqiao Lu **When:** April 25-26, 8 pm **Admission:** 40 yuan **Tel:** 6430 1398

## Legend of Rita

Directed by Volker Schlöndorff, starring Bibiana Beglau, Nadja Uhl. Rita Vogt, an international terrorist, fights against the imperialist systems of the western world. To stay safe, she moves to East Germany, where she meets Tatjana, a girl who wants to escape to the other side of the Wall. The two become friends, but then someone recognizes Rita as a terrorist, and she is forced to move again... German with Chinese subtitles.

**Where:** Space for Imagination, 5 Xiwangzhuang Haidian **When:** April 26, 7 pm **Admission:** free **Tel:** 6279 1280



Liv Tyler

## The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

Directed by Peter Jackson, starring Ian McKellen, Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Christopher Lee, Liv Tyler. The second chapter in J.R.R. Tolkien's saga, the hobbits Frodo and Sam brave

terrible dangers in an attempt to destroy the ring of ultimate evil, while their friends Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli and their allies strive to rescue the hobbits Pippin and Merry from the clutches of evil. The great wizard Gandalf also makes a miraculous return to aid in the struggle against the united powers of Saruman and Sauron. In Chinese

**Where:** Chaoyang Theater **When:** April 25-30 **Admission:** 25 yuan **Tel:** 6507 2421

## Activities

## Seeking Olympic Songs from Around the Globe

The theme song for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games will be chosen from the "Olympic songs" culled by the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG) from around the world in a five-year project. Anyone interested in submitting a song should first download the sign-up form from the websites www.beijing-olympic.org.cn or www.fm974.tom.com.

## Celebrate Warm Weather

The advent of good weather means the patio is open. Take part in a lucky draw with prizes such as three memberships at Evolution Fitness, a bottle of champagne from Links Relocations and a coffemaker and Ugandan beans from Crane Coffee.

**Where:** Emergency Room, Gongti Beilu **When:** April 30, 6:30 pm **Tel:** 6413 0085



## Tiptoe Through the Tulips

Nearly a million tulips from the Jinzhan Town Tulip Garden are on display in Tuanjiehu Park.

**Where:** No. 16 Tuanjiehu Nanli, Chaoyang **When:** till May 8, 9 am - 4 pm **Admission:** 1 yuan **Tel:** 6567 3761 **Email:** aybmr@bmr.com.cn

## Sport

## The Tomb Raider Trail

This is an easy walk, pleasant and interesting. Start from a huge quarry, after a few minutes walk on a remote country lane, and then enter a small and narrow valley. After half an hour, reach a pass and take a ridge trail that descends to a small reservoir at the bottom of the valley. The walk ends by passing some Ming tombs.

**Where:** Changping, north of Beijing **When:** April 27, meet 8:30 am outside Starbucks at Lido Hotel, or 9 am at Capital Paradise front gate, return 5 pm **Cost:** adults 150 yuan, children 100 yuan **Tel:** 13701 003694 **Email:** bjhikers@yahoo.co.uk

## Service

SARS information hotlines: 6421 2486 and 6421 7830.

## Auction



Chinese painting: Donkey by Huang Zhou

## Calligraphy and Painting

Over 900 paintings and calligraphy works by Chinese artists including Huang Zhou, Guo Moruo and Qi Baishi will be auctioned. The preview will be held April 25 and 26, 9 am - 6 pm, and the auction on April 27.

**Where:** 18th Floor, King Wing Tower, 17 Dongsanhuan Nanlu, Chaoyang **When:** April 27, 9:30 am **Tel:** 6765 6089

## Stage

In order to prevent the spread of SARS, most performances and concerts this week will be postponed. For more information, contact your booking agent or place of ticket purchase.

## Jams

## Lucky Bands

I Love Jeff Zhang (Wo Ai Zhang Xinzhe), No Need 70, Pony Baby, S-Bearings (S-Zhoucheng), Silence and a foreign band will perform on Sunday night. On April 30, check out hard-core tunes from Spring and Autumn (Chun Qiu), Ghostdom (Mingjie), Preaching Day (Shijiao Ri), AK-47, Oxygen Can, Suffocation (Zhixi), Twisted Machine and Purple Ring (Zihuan).

**Where:** Get Lucky, 500 meters east of the south gate of the University of International Business and Economics, Chaoyang **When:** 9:30 pm **Admission:** adults 40 yuan, students 30 yuan **Tel:** 6429 9109

## What at What

Tonight Blues-jam-rockers Sand (Shazi) will perform. On Saturday night, girrrrl band Color (Yanse) takes the stage.

**Where:** What, opposite the north gate of the University of International Business and Economics, Chaoyang **When:** 9 pm **Admission:** 20 yuan **Tel:** 13910 209249



Band: Armaments (Junxiesuo)

## Who Knows the Future

A night of diverse styles, with AK-4, power metal band Armaments (Junxiesuo) hip-hop/punk outfit Tookoo and rap metalists T-9.

**Where:** Starting Point, opposite the west gate of Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Haidian **When:** April 26, 4 pm **Admission:** 20-10 yuan **Tel:** 8233 2264

## Psychedelic Space Rock

Tonight Break Sound (Shengyin Suipian) will take the stage. Related by both label (Badhead) and psychedelia is Wednesday's Trip (Xingisande Luxing). Taiwan's 78bpm will also cross the Straights for the gig. On Saturday are Tianjin-based hip hoppers Kong Fu, punk outfit Reflector (Fanguang jing) and sultry trip-hop crew LongKuan009y (Long Kuan Jiu Duan).

**Where:** CD Café, south gate of the Agricultural Exhibition Center, Dongsanhuan Lu **When:** 9 pm **Admission:** 20-30 yuan **Tel:** 6501 8877 ext 3032

## Lecture

## Kite-making

Learn how to fly fancy kites with Zhang Xi, a 66 year-old artisan who just returned from an exhibition in Europe. There will also be hand-made kites available for flying and purchase — tiny dragons, dragonflies, hawks, swallows, and more. English translation provided.

**Where:** Yard in front of Shaoyaoju Beili, Chaoyang **When:** May 4, 2-5 pm **Admission:** 20 yuan **Tel:** 8462 2081

## Language Exchange

A man working in a computer company would like to find a native English speaker for English-Chinese language exchange. **Email:** yangyang293@sohu.com

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Blue China by Li Mingzhu, 2002





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Bang Bang, You're Red!

By James Liu

"Don't move! Drop your weapons, now! Hands up!" A soldier in jungle fatigues aims his gun at a somewhat surprised adversary, who with no chance of escape, meekly puts down his weapon and raises his hands in surrender.

This is no Hollywood movie, nor is it war coverage from Iraq. It is a battlefield scene that can be witnessed on any given weekend in Beijing!

Paintball is a hugely popular pastime for those who crave battlefield action, but are a little squeamish at the prospect of getting shot with real bullets. There are several clubs around Beijing promoting the game. Participants get a gun, loaded with paintballs, which serve as bullets, and go to war for an hour or so, either in teams or as individuals.

The game was invented in 1981 by two Americans, Bob Gurnsey and Charles Gaines. Participants were equipped with paintball guns and ammunition, and divided into two teams, the objective being for one team to capture the flag of the other. Anyone hit by a paintball had to leave the game until a new round began. Today, "capture the flag" is still the most popular form for paintball games.

### Weaponry

Paintballs are made of gluten and glycerin containing a red dye. When one hits a target, the ball explodes, spraying sticky red goo over the victim. Provided one does not get shot at pointblank range, it is generally a painless demise!

All combatants must wear a mask to protect the head and eyes. Usually, these are made from rubber and plastic, and can be uncomfortably hot in summer.

Paintball guns can be made locally or imported from the US. The gun consists of a pistol grip, magazine, barrel and a tank of pressurized carbon dioxide, which acts as the propellant. One tank of carbon dioxide can be used to shoot about 400 times.

### Styles

Team play remains the most popular mode for paintball com-

Basic paintball goggles and face mask

Belt pouch for holding extra paintballs

Clothing can range from military fatigues to blue jeans

Shoes should suit the terrain you are playing in. If it's an indoor field, wear sneakers

petitions. Usually, 10 to 15 people play in each team for "capture the flag" games. The winner is the team that gets the enemy's flag and takes it back to their position within a specified time, usually 20 to 30 minutes. If both sides succeed in capturing their opponents flag, the team with the most "survivors" is the winner. If a player shoots a fellow team member by mistake, he has to quit the current round.

The winner in an "annihilation game" is the team that "kills" the most opponents within a specified period of time. These types of games typically involve military maneuvers such as flanking and outflanking, and ambush and counter-ambush.

Another variation is "hostage rescue." One side plays the role of the "good guys,"

trying to find and save a hostage taken by "terrorists." If the hostage is shot, the good guys lose. A variation on this theme is called "bodyguard." In this game, the mission of one side is to send a VIP to a certain area in a limited period of time. The aim of the bodyguards is to ensure the VIP's safety, while the other side, needless to say, endeavors to terminate him or her with extreme prejudice.

### Dos and Don'ts

Check your gun and ammunition beforehand to ensure the game goes smoothly.

Do not aim at the head and never shoot an enemy closer than eight meters.

Keep the mask on during the entire game.

Do not allow children to join a game with adults.

Wear sneakers or other sports shoes and wear gloves.

### Qianwei Paintball Game Center

The open-air battlefield covers an area of 12,000 square meters, in which wooden bridges, emplacements and trees add to the difficulty and interest. The field can hold more than 100 combatants, but for an optimum game, numbers should be restricted to between 50 and 80.

The center provides forest fatigues, masks, gloves and the gun with 30 paintballs after players paying the 100 yuan admission fee. Water and other soft drinks are available, but no food. Preferential policies, such as 50 paintballs each, are available to teams with over 20 members from Monday to Friday. Additional paintballs cost 1.5 yuan each.

**Where:** Wanfangting Park, 2A, Yangqiao Xili, Nansanhuan Zhonglu, Fengtai

**Open:** 9 am - 9 pm reservation necessary for night games  
**Tel:** 8729 7320

**Admission:** 100 yuan (including 30 paintballs)

### Zhaoming Paintball Field

This indoor paintball arena also offers 3D movies, rock climbing, table-tennis and darts. While its downtown location is a plus, the small area and lack of natural environment is a disadvantage. Paintball bullets cost 2 yuan each.

**Where:** Fifth floor, Sun Dong An Plaza, 138 Wangfujing, Dongcheng

**Open:** 10 am - 8 pm  
**Tel:** 6527 6688 ext. 51127  
**Admission:** 50 yuan (including 20 paintballs)

### Beifang International Shooting Range

This shooting range offers both paintball and the chance to fire real guns. Pistols, rifles, submachine guns and machine guns are all available. There is no admission fee, you pay per paintball, and prices vary from four to fifteen yuan depending on the gun. Paintball bullets cost 2.5 yuan, with a minimum purchase of 30.

**Where:** Three kilometers west of Changping  
**Open:** 9 am - 7 pm  
**Tel:** 6977 1368 ext. 3103

### WALL WALKS



## Hushan Great Wall

By Huang Lisha

The Great Wall meanders around 2,000 kilometers across northern China, from Jiayuguan, on the edges of the Gobi Desert in Gansu, to Shanhaiguan, the Bohai Sea, so many people believe.

In fact the Great Wall extends considerably further east than Shanhaiguan. In 1992, archeologists announced that Hushan (虎山) Great Wall, in Liaoning Province, is the real eastern terminus of the Wall.

Built during the Ming Dynasty, Hushan Great Wall is located in Kuandian Manchu Autonomous County (宽甸满族自治县), with the Yalu River to the south and the Yuan River to the west.

Hushan, (Tiger Mountain) Great Wall, built of earth, wood and rock, took more than 150

years to complete. Almost entirely eroded away by more than 500 years of wind and rain, the Wall was subject to a large scale restoration in 1992.

Now, with a total length of 1,200 meters, the renovated Hushan Great Wall consists of 12 platforms and three beacon towers. Bangshan Platform (帮山台) is the eastern end, or start, of the Great Wall.

The wall connects with the natural cliffs in places, forming a formidable barrier. From the top of the wall, the iron bridge straddling the Yalu River, which marks the border between China and North Korea, and the North Korean city of Sinuju is clearly visible.

**Getting there:** Take train K27 or 2257 from Beijing Railway Station to Dandong (丹东), then a bus (15 yuan) to Hushan Great Wall.

### MUSEUM



Movable woodcut type board

## China Printing Museum

By Guo Yuandan

The invention of the printing press is generally regarded as one of the most significant in the course of human history. The China Printing Museum boasts a remarkable collection of printed matter, printing presses and models of printing presses, from the ancient to the modern.

The museum consists of three sections: Ancient Times, Modern Times and Printing Press.

The section devoted to ancient printing techniques is on the third floor of the museum. The major objects exhibited include woodblock engravings, examples of movable type printing, which developed from the use of hardened clay, to wood carving to metal casting, and printed matter from the various dynasties.

There is a large selection of models demonstrating ancient

paper making processes, movable type-making techniques with clay, woodcut type setting processes, and how the publishing industry was organized in the Qing Dynasty.

In the Modern Times section, there are printing samples, photographs, illustrations, as well as demonstrations of how printing has evolved in the recent past.

More than 60 printing presses, including domestic and foreign made are on display in the basement, of which the oldest dates back to 1860.

**Where:** Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, 25 Xinghua Beilu, Huang Village, Daxing District  
**Open:** 9 am - 3:30 pm (closed Saturdays)  
**Tel:** 6924 5050  
**Admission:** 20 yuan

**Getting there:** Take bus 901, 410, or 937 to Qingyuan Xili



Hand printing tools

Photos by Cui Hao